

Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



Well, I think it's safe to say that spring has finally sprung and we can move on to warmer weather; although when we held our Earth Day event on April 22nd with children from District 81, it was so cold there was a wind chill!

I hope you all have copies of the village calendar so you can attend the wonderful events that the warm weather brings with it. Check out upcoming events on the back of this newsletter. And don't forget to always check our website and sign up for our App if you haven't done so already. These keep you up to date on the latest and greatest happenings in our town.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY VICTORIAN TEA



The Historical Society held their 5th annual Victorian Tea on Saturday April 11th. It was a wonderful event hosted and organized by the dedicated volunteers of the group (pictured). Many lovely ladies came decked out in beautiful hats, pearls and gloves to enjoy tea, lunch and a

fashion show highlighting fashions through the years. If you missed it, plan on attending next year's event.

SCHILLER PARK EASTER EGG HUNT

Schiller Park held their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th. The children had a great time collecting eggs and visiting with the Easter bunny. Even the fire department and mayor couldn't resist taking their picture with him.



CC-UP CITIZEN'S CLEANING UP!

The village held the first CC-UP clean up event on April 18th. It was a beautiful day to be out and our volunteers got a lot accomplished in the time we spent around the Metra Station and on Irving Park Road. We hope to see more volunteers come out the next time we schedule a clean-up. In the meantime, take pride in your community – Don't litter, and take the time to pick up litter when you see it. It only takes a minute to pick up trash. If everyone pitches in, we can keep Schiller Park looking beautiful!



BUSINESS UPDATE



quality schools to name a few. We simply could not survive without our businesses.

On April 23rd, the Village honored over fifty Schiller Park businesses at a luncheon in their honor at the Bella Sera Banquet hall. Also in attendance was a representative from Governor Rauner's office of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. He was there on behalf of the Governor showing his support for our town. Business owners were also treated to several other speakers from the Governor's office. Many of the owners walked away with useful information to help their business expand and be successful.

Mayor Piltaver gave a speech highlighting the

Our businesses in Schiller Park are important to the economic growth and viability of our town. Without our businesses and the taxes they pay, the taxpayers would have to shoulder the additional burden of funding public safety, infrastructure improvements, and

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importance of our businesses, how our Community Development Director has brought in and retained many businesses and how we are working to bring more economic growth to our village. One of the biggest highlights is the \$52 million development of the Irving/Mannheim Road area which will bring in two new hotels, a conference center along with restaurants and possible retail. We are actively marketing our restaurant pad by the Pre-Flight parking garage and additionally, Jimmy Johns is looking to locate in our village in another location. Plus, the old Rogs has also been sold to new owners and going under renovations.

We are working diligently to fill some of the more obvious vacancies that are noticeable such as the Irving/River Road gas station and also the River Road/Lawrence Ave. car wash. However, development doesn't happen overnight and we want to make sure we find the right type of development for those locations.



As I have reported in a previous Schillergram, the Suburban O'Hare Commission or SOC in an effort to have O'Hare Airport serve as a good neighbor, has hired experts to help find viable solutions to the problems at hand. Their studies will include:

How wide spread the aircraft noise is impacting residential homes.



Actual noise contours at O'Hare airport under today's interim airport conditions.



Operational changes that can be made to O'Hare Airport to reduce noise without jeopardizing safety.



Aircraft noise "Best Practices" occurring at other airports.



Reasons and rationales for a Part 150 noise study; and



Advocacy to the Department of Aviation, Congress, FAA and General Assembly.



In conjunction with these experts, I, along with other Villages' Mayors have been in constant contact with Congressman Quigley and Senator Mulroe working together to find relief for our impacted residents. We realize that everyone's patience is wearing thin, but unfortunately, this is not a fast process and solutions will not be found overnight.

I will keep you updated on all developments through our website and social media.

The Village Board and I hope to see many of you at upcoming events in town. Let us keep working together to make Schiller Park the place to live, work and play!

Feel free to call, email or write.

Working for you with a vision,

Mayor Barbara

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Police Chief's Corner



I sincerely hope you will be able to set aside some time to attend the quarterly neighborhood watch meeting on June 2nd, 2015 at 7pm in the community center. I believe that this venue provides residents the opportunity to learn about recent police happenings, neighborhood crime prevention, fire prevention, local ordinance requirements and events taking place in the village. Representatives from the police, fire and code enforcement departments will be on hand to deliver an

informative presentation on current events.

As I previously stated, the community policing initiative is the foundation of the Schiller Park Police Department. Residents only serve as the extra "eyes and ears" and should report their observations of suspicious activity directly to the police by immediately calling 911. Residents should never take action on their observations. Only trained Police Officers are in a position to respond and determine the best course of enforcement action.

Moreover, neighborhood watch is still one of the most effective crime prevention programs utilized by communities across the country. An alert community working in conjunction with the police is the best defense against crime. The reason for this effectiveness is rather simple. I believe involving residents in a neighborhood watch program decreases opportunities for criminals to commit crime rather changing their behavior or motivation to commit an offense. It also allows residents an effective means of crime control by reducing risk factors and increasing neighborhood cohesiveness. Therefore, all residents benefit.

Thus, I encouraged everyone to attend, participate and learn about the ways to improve our village. After all, together we can confidently lay the groundwork for the future needs of our village and unite the community that we adore so dearly.



Schiller Park 5K Dog Walk "Dogs Helping Cats"

The first ever Schiller Park 5K Dog Walk is going to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015 starting at 10:00 AM (Registration Starts at 8:30 AM) at the Metra Station Parking Lot. The event is for dog owners, their families, and of course the family dog(s)!

The event benefits CatVando a local organization which works to assist Cities and Villages in humanely and effectively controlling the populations of stray cats living on the streets and in the yards of their communities. Monetary donations to CatVando can also be made and are appreciated. You can visit www.catvando.org to learn more.

The fee to join the 5K Dog Walk is \$25.00 and you must sign a liability waiver in case of an incident with your dog(s). The first 50 registrants receive a free T-shirt! Registration forms for the early registration option are available at the Village Hall or online. Please make checks payable to the "Village of Schiller Park". If you have questions or need information please contact Sandra Rosario at (847) 678-2550.

New Fire Chief



The Village of Schiller Park has appointed Peter N. Chiodo as the 6th Full-Time Fire Chief for the Schiller Park Fire Department. Chief Chiodo is a 25 year member of our department starting off as a Firefighter/EMT. He became a Fire Inspector, Hazardous Materials Technician, Fire Investigator, Fire Officer I and II amongst other certifications he received from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He was the CDL instructor for the Village and Safety Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995 and served as the training Officer and Administrative Assistant for the department. He served in posts as an officer with the Northern Illinois Training Officers and as President of MABAS Division 20 Training Officers. He was named Shift Officer and Commander over the years. He holds degrees from Loyola University and Triton College.

The vacated spot of Commander is being filled by Anthony Hatcher. Anthony has been with the department since 1997. During his tenure he has served as a Hazardous Materials Technician, Fire Inspector and Fire Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant and his current assignment is as Fire Prevention Coordinator.

The Fire and Police Commission swore in Jeff Leiser as our newest Lieutenant. Jeff has been with the department since 2006 and is a Fire Investigator and Extrication Specialist. Lieutenant Leiser is a third generation firefighter with all three generations working as firefighters here in Schiller Park.

Our newest Firefighter/Paramedic is Matt Zydlo. Matt has served the Village of Schiller Park as a civilian part-time paramedic for the last three years. Matt will attend the NIPSTA Fire Academy in Glenview before returning to shift as a probationary Firefighter.

National EMS Week



The week of May 17-22 is National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week. We honor the men and women who provide first responder service by either EMT's or as Paramedics. The Schiller Park Fire Department is composed of 27 cross trained Firefighter/Paramedics who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year long.

Our department responds to nearly 2,000 calls a year for service. Paramedics treat all emergencies from cut hands to heart attacks and extrication. On each call, normally 5 highly trained paramedics show up to treat the person. Besides having two Advanced Life Support Ambulances, our Engine is also equipped and licensed as a "med-Engine". This means that we can treat the person with all the necessary medical care by paramedics prior to the ambulance arriving. EMS calls provide the same high level of care both in basic life support and advanced life support no matter your state in life, no questions asked. The fire department transports to the nearest appropriate hospital based on the situation encountered with prompt and courteous service.

Members provide CPR training to the public monthly (check the Village website for sign up information). The fire department also has a certified Infant/Child Car seat resource person who can assist in properly positioning the seat. For further information call (847) 678-5136.

Members of the Fire Department will host an End of the School Ice Cream Social on May 22nd in the firehouse, 9526 Irving Park 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, to mark EMS Week.



Public Works Update

BULK ITEM REFUSE COLLECTION

The Village garbage collection contractor is GROOT. They collect all single family residences and multi-family residences up to 3 units in size. GROOT collects regular garbage, recyclables, and yard waste (during a limited season). GROOT will pick up large items like furniture and appliances if you leave them out for garbage pickup day. Please do not place bulk items at the curb prior to Thursday. It is best if you call ahead of time and let them know what to expect - you can reach GROOT at (800) 244-1977. If they do not pick up your item(s) please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 to let us know so we can follow up with them.

ASH TREE REMOVAL CONTINUES

The Village has 82 remaining Ash Trees that have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer. Homer Tree Care, Inc. will begin removing the diseased trees in May. If you have a tree removed from the parkway in front of your residence and there is room for a replacement tree you will receive a replant letter with options of approved species to choose from should you want a replacement tree. There will be no charge for the replacement tree(s). The new trees will be planted in late September/early October.

Severe weather can cause



Here are tips on preparing for blackouts

Power outages can be a big inconvenience, especially if they last for several hours or even days. Are you prepared for a lengthy power outage at your home? Here are a few tips to help you prepare for a blackout:

Fill plastic containers with water and place them in the refrigerator and freezer. Leave about an inch of space inside each one to account for expansion. Chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.

Keep your car tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.

Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.

Keep flashlights in easy-to-find areas around your home, such as on your nightstand, in the kitchen, bathroom, etc. so you can find them when the power goes out. Don't use candles due to the fire hazard.

Keep at least one battery operated radio handy for weather updates.



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 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.

**Village Installs
 New Information Kiosks**

Recently the Village installed a number of information kiosks around town to allow more residents to grab free copies of Village publications such as the Schillergram and/or flyers for upcoming Village events. The kiosks will also be used to distribute copies of emergency notifications and information regarding flooding or other similar issues. The materials in the kiosks will be always be free but we ask that residents only take as many copies as you need so that plenty of copies of the Schillergram or other publication(s) contained therein are available for your neighbors. Here are the locations of the "Schiller Park Info" kiosks:

- *Front of Village Hall*
- *Dog Park (North End of Metra Station on Ruby Street)*
- *Metra Station (By the Parking Machines)*
- *Lawrence Avenue by 7-11 Shopping Plaza*
- *River Road (2 Blocks South of Lawrence at Eastwood Avenue)*
- *Shell Station (Irving Park Road & Judd Avenue)*
- *Irving Park Road by Chase Bank (East of Old River Road)*
- *25th Avenue by 7-11 Shopping Plaza (South of Irving by Ruby Street)*

Please take note of these locations and if you're out for a walk please plan to pick up a copy of the Schillergram or whatever other Village publication is there for the taking!

Village of Schiller Park
**Clock Tower Park
 2015 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 7:00 PM. We have our best variety of bands this year; you won't want to miss a single show!!

Friday June 12th • Wild Daisy

Break out the cowboy hat and enjoy current country, rock and pop hits.

Friday June 26th • Tangent

Schiller Park's very own rock band, classic and modern rock hits.

Friday July 10th • Ready R Not

60's, 70's, and 80's Hits

Friday July 24th • Paul Rush Band

Instrumental and new age Polish Band

Friday August 7th • Scraps of Brass

Rock & Motown Hits

Friday August 21st • Kaleidoscope Eyes

Celebrate the Beatles with this fun Beatles cover band.

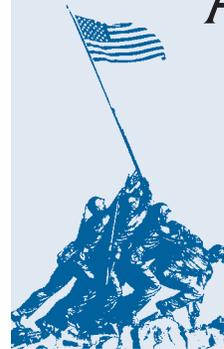


Wall of Honor Ceremony
Armed Forces Day

Saturday May 16th 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.



**2014 Schiller Park Water Quality
 Report Now Available**

The 2014 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 2014 and gives you an opportunity to learn more about this important subject.



www.villageofschillerpark.com/assets/1/documents/2014_Water_Quality_Report.pdf

Water Park/Memorial Pool Information Summer 2015

Registration Begins May 1, 2015

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 23, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

(Register on or before May 31, 2015 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 8 – June 17

2nd session June 22 – July 1

3rd session July 6 – July 15

4th Session July 20 – July 29

Time: 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

or 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Parent & Tot

(5 yrs. & under)

Fee per session: \$35 Res./\$45 Non-Res.

10 lessons per session

1st session June 8 – June 17

2nd session June 22 – July 1

3rd session July 6 – July 15

4th Session July 20 – July 29

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Aqua Zumbas

(18 yrs. & over)

Fee: \$45 Res./\$50 Non-Res.

Tuesday: 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday: 12:00 – 12:45 a.m.

Dates: June 9 – July 28

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 21st and June 4th and 18th and July 2nd
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, May 12th and May 26th and June 9th and 23rd
1:00 PM
Community Center

Wall of Honor Ceremony

Saturday, May 16th 11:00 AM
Clock Tower Park

Fire Department End of School "Ice Cream Social"

Friday, May 22nd 7:00 PM
Irving Park Firehouse

Water Park & Memorial Pool Opens

Saturday, May 23rd 11:30 AM
4001 N. Scott Street

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th
Village Offices Closed

Village Wide Garage Sale

Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd 7:00 PM
Community Center

5K Dog Run/Walk "Dogs Helping Cats" Charity Event

Saturday, June 6th 10:00 AM
Metra Station

Clock Tower Park Concert - Wild Daisy (Country)

Friday June 12th 7:00 PM
Clock Tower Park

Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 16th 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Community Center

Clock Tower Park Concert - Tangent (Rock)

Friday June 26th 7:00 PM
Clock Tower Park

Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, May 11th Even Addresses and
Tuesday May 12th Odd Addresses
Tuesday, May 26th Even Addresses and
Wednesday May 27th (Normal Monday Route) Odd Addresses
Monday, June 8th Even Addresses and
Tuesday June 9th Odd Addresses
Monday, June 22nd Even Addresses and
Tuesday June 23rd 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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Free May Permits for Homeowners!

Don't let the April Showers dampen your mood. Community Development wants to help with your spring cleaning projects so that the month of May is a great time for do-it-yourself home projects!

The Community Development Department is excited to work with residents to help make Schiller Park a more beautiful place and to ensure that home improvement efforts are a success. We are thrilled to announce that permits for residents working on home projects are free for Village residents, during the month of May.

Work being completed by contractors will still require permits at the normal fee cost.



CENTENNIAL BANNERS AVAILABLE

All of the Centennial banners have been removed and are available for pick up at Village Hall, 9526 W. Irving Park Rd., Schiller Park, IL 60176. If you sponsored a banner(s) you may stop by and pick it up between the hours of 9:00AM and 5:00PM Monday through Friday. If you call (847) 671-8502 ahead of time we will have the banner ready for you at the front desk. Please reference the name on the banner(s) when calling.

U.S.S. Wainwright Traveling Museum

Scheduled to Visit Schiller Park "Battle Tested, Battle Proven"

**On Thursday, May 28th
From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
At the Metra Station Parking Lot**

Welcome all Veterans, Family Members, JROTC Students, and the general public. Please come meet our heroes! Traveling museum trailer documents the history of the three Navy ships named U.S.S. Wainwright which served in conflicts ranging from World War I, World War II, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf War. Donations to the Wainwright Veterans Association (A Non-Profit Organization) are graciously accepted to cover travel expenses.

