

# Police Chief's Corner

## Safe Schools Initiative Reminder

School is officially in session and motorists are reminded to watch for children walking to and from school. Thus, the Schiller Park Police Department wants you to be mindful of the following:



**School Zones** – The speed limit in a school zone is 20 miles per hour. School days are defined as days when school is in session and children are present during the hours of 7am to 4pm. The first offense requires a court appearance and carries a fine of \$150.00. There is no court supervision given to drivers speeding in a school zone.

**Disobeying a Crossing Guard** is considered a moving violation and a mandatory court appearance is required. The minimum fine is \$150.00.

**Cellular Phone Use in a School Zone** is prohibited by state law. The only exception is in emergencies (for example when calling police, fire or an ambulance). Cellular phones may be used in "hands free" mode in school zones. Cell phone use is also prohibited in construction zones.

**Texting While Driving** is prohibited at all times. Illinois State law defines texting as electronic mail, an instant message, a text or a command to access the internet.

**Stopping While School Bus is Loading or Unloading** requires drivers to stop and not pass school buses that have their red lights flashing with the stop sign arm extended. First time violators are subject to a mandatory court appearance, a minimum fine of \$150.00, are not eligible for court supervision and will have their driver's license suspended for 3 months. Vehicles that are in oncoming traffic in relation to a stopped school bus on a four lane roadway are not required to stop under state law.

I would like to thank all of those who attended the Domestic Violence Summit on October 15th at the Community Center. I was pleased to see such a large turnout for such an important issue in our community. I also want to thank Father Rob of Saint Beatrice and Father Jim of Saint Maria Goretti for coming to the event. I hope all of those who attended gained valuable insight into the issue of Domestic Violence and walked away better able to assist friends and family that may be dealing with this difficult issue.

Also please visit the Schiller Park Police Department page on Facebook and if you are interested in neighborhood watch please contact Commander Ed Ladonsky at (847) 671-8535.



## Special Centennial Kickoff Event

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**  
**Community Center (4501 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**

Come help us kick off our Centennial Year Celebrations by joining us at our annual Santa's Winter Wonderland. Santa & his friends will be there to ring in the holiday season – activities will include visiting with Santa, face painting, balloon animals, and refreshments. This year there will also be a charity coat drive where each donor of a coat will receive a free commemorative centennial coin. The Village hopes you and your family will be able to enjoy this free family event. Remember to bring your camera! For further information about this event please contact Sandra Rosario in the Mayor's Office at (847) 678-2550.

## For Residents North of North Ave.



### For Senior Citizens and the Disabled

From changing a light bulb to replacing cabinet hinges, no job is too small. The service is free, however, reimbursement for the parts is required.

Call for more information **847.455.8616**



Surprise that special person with a gift certificate for a fitness pass at the Schiller Park Recreation Center. Memberships for 6 months or one year are available at the front desk in the Recreation Center. Your friend or family member will enjoy our expanded hours of operation and clean environment while they work out on "state of the art" fitness equipment.

Fitness gift certificates are a great idea for anyone who knows how important health and nutrition are for a healthy life style. Just in time for the New Year's resolutions, certificates can be purchased between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

These certificates also make a great gift for birthdays. For further information, please contact the Recreation Department by calling (847) 671-8580.



Do you enjoy decorating your house for the holidays? If so then let the Recreation Department recognize your efforts. Just call 847-671-8580 by December 18 and give your address to register for this free activity. Houses will be judged for creativity and the winner will receive a 2014 season pass to the water park. For more information contact Recreation Director John Bealer at [jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto:jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com).

# Fire Department News

## Fire Department Hosts Extrication Class

The Schiller Park Fire Department recently hosted a rescue / extrication class for members of our fire department along with members of our mutual aid departments. These departments are part of M.A.B.A.S. Division 20 which includes 18 departments from Broadview to Rosemont.



A total of 20 firefighters attended the class held September 23-27th and there was a waiting list of seven more students. The four hour class included 12 hours of classroom and 28 hours of hands-on experience with various extrication equipment and tools. The course is designed to acquaint the firefighter with techniques used in auto extrication. Emphasis is on safety, functions of the tools and different techniques to remove victims from auto accidents.

A total of 44 cars were used by firefighters. These were provided by two area companies, Windy City Towing in Schiller Park and Area Towing in Melrose Park. Two other companies in the area also donated supplies for the class including Ajax Tools in Franklin Park with air chisels and AZ Supply in Schiller Park with reciprocating saw blades.

Members were taught how to extricate and access potential victims through the door, trunk, roof and floor boards. Upon completion the students will take the Office of the State Fire Marshals state exam for certification. The success of the class will probably have us teach the course again in the Spring.

## Fire Department Open House

The Schiller Park Fire Department participated in National Fire Prevention Week by holding an Open House on October 12th. Over 300 guests visited the firehouse. Guests were treated to hot dogs and lemonade while they were able to participate in extinguishing a "house fire", trying on firefighter gear, exploring the fire trucks and playing games. The event was pet friendly and treats were available for the dogs in attendance. A presentation was made by Invisible Fence who donated 5 pet resuscitation masks to the Schiller Park Fire Department. Remember "Only You Can Prevent Fires"!



# Crystal Creek Flood Control Project Phase IIB

## Seymour Avenue to Panoramic Drive

The final phase of the Crystal Creek Flood Control Project is scheduled to begin construction in December 2013 and should be completed by approximately the end of June 2014. This project consists primarily of installing a large box culvert under and along Denley Avenue to assist water flow through the Creek.

Denley Avenue, from Seymour Avenue to Sarah Avenue, will be closed to all but local traffic from Mid-January 2014 to end of May 2014. Denley Avenue traffic will be detoured onto the adjacent streets. Local access to effected properties will be coordinated for residents of that stretch of Denley Avenue during construction.

The Village will be working with the IDNR to assure that the project goes as smoothly as possible. Please call Brian Bursiek at (847) 671-8534 at the Village Hall or contact him via email at [bbursiek@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto:bbursiek@villageofschillerpark.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

# Meet Your Administration Department Staff

When you come to the Village Hall to pay your water bill or buy your annual vehicle sticker you are probably going to be served by one of the friendly and experienced staff of the Administration Department. In order to give you some idea of who they are and what they do here is a group photo and description of their assignments:



**Gail Bauer** (top left) has been with the Village 33 years and primarily deals with financial matters such as payroll and employee benefits.

**Gail Mini** (on left 2<sup>nd</sup> from top) has been with the Village for 22 years and primarily deals with accounts receivable, insurance claims and employee benefits.

**Jill Lietz** (bottom left) has been with the Village for 12 years and serves as the Deputy Clerk to Village Clerk Claudia Irsuto, and primarily she helps prepare agendas and minutes and keep the Village records.

**Brian Bursiek** (top right) has been with the Village for 9 years and is the Assistant to Village Manager Kevin Barr, and deals with many issues including, working with Village contractors/vendors, the Village website, newsletter, electronic signs, and computers.

**Pam Gatto** (on right 2<sup>nd</sup> from top) has been with the Village for 8 years and primarily deals with water billing.

**Dee Casey** (on left 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom) has been with the Village for 4 years and primarily deals with accounts payable and business licenses.

**Olivia Yeung** (bottom right) has been with the Village for almost 2 years and is the finance intern and primarily deals with financial matters.

**Sandra Rosario** (on right 2<sup>nd</sup> from bottom) is the newest member of our team having been with the Village for 6 months and serves as the Executive Assistant to Mayor Barbara Piltaver and also as the Office Manager. Among her duties she coordinates special events such as the Car Show and Santa's Winter Wonderland, and is currently working on the Village Centennial Celebrations.

We hope you enjoyed meeting your Village Hall staff and are treated professionally when you visit the Village Hall. Please don't hesitate to contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 with any problem you feel we can help you with.



## Calendar of Events

**Did you remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you changed your clocks on November 3rd?**

**Board Meetings**  
November 7 and 21  
7:00 PM

**Veterans Day Breakfast**  
November 10  
8:30 to 10:00 AM  
Community Center

**Last Day of Branch Pickup for Season**  
Monday, November 18th

**Street Sweeping Ends for Season**  
Tuesday, November 26th

**Yard Waste Pickup Ends for Season**  
Saturday, November 30th

**Board Meetings**  
December 5 and 19  
7:00 PM

**Chamber of Commerce Event**  
Holiday Lights Tour  
December 6  
4:45 PM

**Santa's Winter Wonderland**  
December 7  
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Community Center

**Town Hall Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 11  
6:00 PM  
Community Center

*The Village welcomes your comments and suggestions.*

Please email your comments to [mayor@villageofschillerpark.com](mailto: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 Barbara Piltaver, the Schiller Park Village Board and Boy Scout Troop 16 invite ALL Veterans and their families to a special pancake breakfast to thank you for your years of service to our country.

**First Annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, November 10  
From 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.  
Schiller Park Community Center  
4501 25th Avenue

For additional information call 847-671-8502

**From the Heart of the Village**  
**The Schiller Park Historical Society**

The main emphasis at the History Room these past months has been the creating of a new history book. There are now less than 100 days before the Village celebrates its 100th birthday!

The research has been both exciting and frustrating as we discover and review facts and fables. Looking into Schiller Park's past is a revelation of untold stories, forgotten events and pictures of a community fully lived.

Again, we say "Thanks" to all of you who have contributed to the chapters still being written. The History Room is open on Mondays, 9 - 12, the invitation to come visit with us is always open. And--the coffeepot is always on!



**Around Town**  
**Community Development News**  
Community Development Director – John Zalud

**New Dental Office Now Open**  
Align Dentistry has opened their new office at 9456 W. Irving Park Road (the old Orange Drugs property). Please welcome Doctors Tiffany Leung and Christopher Chen and their staff to Schiller Park. Align Dentistry is a general dentistry practice that offers many services, including: dental cleaning, orthodontics, pediatric services, veneers, and more!

**Indian Restaurant**  
Mantra by Indian Garden has begun construction on their new location at 9438 W. Irving Park Road (the old Brown's Chicken and Leo's Pizzeria property). Stay tuned for more information regarding their planned grand opening coming soon.



## Mayor's Update

Dear Residents,

As we head towards the winter months, I can't help but think how quickly time flies and how soon our 100th anniversary celebration will be upon us. Our Santa's Workshop event on December 7th will kick off our festivities with special events for the kids and a coat drive that will help the needy in our area. There will be new and special activities planned for the event along with past favorites and of course Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Also, a flyer of Centennial events coming up in 2014 will be assembled soon. However, there are two special events we'd like you to keep an eye out for; one is our Centennial Gala which will be in the spring of 2014 and the other is June 28, 2014, which will be our Centennial parade and picnic. We are hoping to have huge turnouts for both events, so watch closely for further information. We'd also like to encourage businesses, church groups, clubs and organizations to call us to participate in the parade. If you'd like to walk in the parade or enter a float or vehicle, please contact Sandra at 847-678-2550.

As I mentioned in the last Schillergram, our Village Board meetings were changed to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month and begin at 7 pm. The meetings have been going very well and the new format seems to be a hit with the residents. Although longer, residents now can hear the discussion of items on the agenda and comment at the meetings before and after the discussions. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you can always read the minutes on our website under Government.

One program that was just started is the Citizens Cleaning Up program or CC-UP. We've already had residents and our own Daisy Brownie Troop sign up to get involved. This is a great way for people to show pride in their community and help clean up in their areas. Participants receive a free t-shirt and there will be fun gatherings honoring their efforts. If interested in joining CC-UP, please give Beth a call at 847-678-1218 or email her at [bsanf57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bsanf57@sbcglobal.net).

October 17th marked the opening of the new O'Hare runway and I'm sure that many of you are experiencing increased noise from the landings at night. Although living next to the world's busiest airport can present advantages and disadvantages, noise can affect our health and daily lives. I encourage all residents who are affected by the noise to post their complaints on [www.oharenoise.org/noise\\_complaints.htm](http://www.oharenoise.org/noise_complaints.htm) or call 800-435-9569. We need to keep fighting for more soundproofing in Schiller Park and show that our town is being adversely affected by the new path. Your complaints can at least give us ammunition for our arguments to obtain more soundproofing.

Our next town hall meeting was scheduled for November, however, we are rescheduling it for December 11th as we were able to arrange for the Citizens Utility Board or CUB to come out and give one-on-one consultations on residents' phone, gas and electric bills which could help them save money. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions of the Mayor, Village Trustees and Department Heads. Watch for further information to come out and also our website for details.

Property Tax Appeals – For those of you who did not get a favorable ruling on your property tax appeal and those who did not file an appeal on time, you still will have an opportunity to appeal with the Board of Review. When the review period opens, we will keep you informed and attempt to assist those who would like to appeal. Keep close watch of the village website within the next few weeks for dates and times.

One of the fun things I enjoy doing as Mayor is intermingling with the children of our schools in town. I recently took part in tours of our public and Catholic schools. I enjoyed it tremendously and met and said hello to a wonderful group of children. Right now the children from all area schools are taking part in our 100th Anniversary Calendar Contest for the Village. We are looking forward to seeing their entries and soon choosing the winners. Working closely with our schools and getting the children, faculty and administration involved in village activities is essential to community spirit and growth.



Mayor Piltaver with from Left to Right: Victoria Gronkiewicz, Dominika Kozanecka, Aleksandra Kopcinska, Amy Nicholson, Liliana Santiago

A couple of events that took place just prior to this newsletter coming out were two ribbon cuttings; one was for the Greg Rakowski Dance Studio at 9801 W. Lawrence Avenue and the other for our newest dental office Align Dentistry. Although Greg's dance studio has been in town



Miguel Marchan with Mayor Piltaver

for quite some time now, he wanted to host a grand reopening to bring awareness to his studio and the many different dance lessons he offers. We had a wonderful time learning some new steps and enjoying the professional demonstrations of among others the rumba, waltz, and quick step. If you are looking to get off the couch and "dance with the stars", be sure to visit his studio soon.

We also cut the ribbon at Align Dentistry, the newest state of the art dental facility on Irving Park Road. Drs. Tiffany Leung and Christopher Chen welcomed us, gave us a tour and we cut the ribbon on hopefully a long and lasting relationship in the Village. Best wishes to both establishments.

The Village website is a wealth of information, so keep an eye on [www.villageofschillerpark.com](http://www.villageofschillerpark.com). We want all of our residents to engage in upcoming activities and be aware of what's happening around town. And don't forget our public library too! They offer all kinds of programs for both children and adults. We must encourage everyone to read and take part in expanding our minds. Visit [www.schillerparklibrary.org](http://www.schillerparklibrary.org).

Have a wonderful holiday season everyone!  
Working for you with a vision,  
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