



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend. Can you believe it's September already? Where does time go?

We've had some great events since the last Schillergram and hope that many of you attended them. The National Night Out Ice Cream Social was held on August 5th and a nice crowd was greeted by both fire and police personnel doling out ice cream

and safety information. Residents also enjoyed climbing and exploring many of the fire and police vehicles.

Later in the month, we held our Family Fun Day and Car Show. Although it eventually got rained (more like monsooned) out, we still had a few hours of food, fun and entertainment. And the highlight of the day was when the police chief, fire chief and I participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge to help support awareness to ALS. We collected over



five hundred dollars and a local Schiller Park family who is suffering from ALS benefited directly. The "bucket" or 55 gallon drum was filled with ice cold water, but it was a lot of fun. You can see the video on our Facebook page. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the event as well as the food and craft vendors and of course the car enthusiasts who displayed their beautiful vehicles.

Town Hall Meeting

I held another Town Hall meeting on August 26th. We had a wonderful crowd show up to express their views and ask questions to not only our village officials but to Senator John Mulroe, State Representative Michal McAuliffe and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri. The hot topic mainly discussed was O'Hare Noise and many loudly expressed their displeasure, annoyance and total frustration with the new runway opening. The increased noise and pollution is not only



affecting our sleep and health, but our tempers as well.

As I pointed out to the audience, Schiller Park is working closely with the surrounding communities, groups such as a FAiR and our elected state and local officials to take notice of our situation. I am fully aware that our residents are suffering and I am doing everything I can to make sure our voices are heard above the roar. The reality is, however, that the airport is not going away, but here are some of the items we are pushing for.

1. We need to keep all the runways open, including the diagonal runways. More runways mean more options and less noise.
2. Keeping all the runways open will help with our efforts to expand the Fly Quiet program. We want to make sure that one neighborhood doesn't bear the brunt of air traffic noise, especially overnight.
3. The FAA's airport noise threshold needs to be reduced so more residents qualify for sound insulation.
4. We want a new environmental study to make sure our towns are still safe under the new traffic patterns. There have been too many changes to the original plan—and too many questions raised about its integrity—not to revisit this cornerstone of OMP.
5. As part of that new environmental study, we need another round of public hearings—certainly before the new South runway opens in 2015. People have the right to know how much additional noise they are going to experience. The public hearings that took place 10 years ago relied on theory and outmoded computer models. It's time for the FAA to get a reality check from the residents living under the flight paths.
6. The way citizens file noise complaints needs an overhaul. We have all heard from our constituents about the troubles they've experienced filing a noise complaint. The City of Chicago and its Dept. of Aviation need to create a dedicated, responsive and transparent mechanism to capture all noise complaints from the Public. Forcing citizens — many of whom are Seniors without computers — to navigate the City's unwieldy 311 phone system is unacceptable.

Also, I am working with Senator Mulroe and we have been in contact with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to come out and assess the air quality in our village. You will also notice signs going up throughout our village that encourage people to call and complain about the airport noise and use the current complaint number 800-435-9569 or their website oharenoise.org. As I've said previously, we need to have a paper trail to show Schiller Park is being adversely affected. We are also asking residents to **sign a petition**, which you can find on line or at Village Hall, which states: "Since the opening of the new runway at O'Hare Airport on October 17, 2013, there has been a significant increase in aircraft noise due to planes landing from the east. We the undersigned are asking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to discuss approach options of the aircraft that fly over the Village of Schiller Park. In addition, we would like the FAA, federal and state officials to consider the expansion of all residential sound insulation and request that a new environmental study of O'Hare Airports impact on

the VOSP and surrounding communities be conducted.” Please know I will continue to do everything I can to make our voices heard and our concerns addressed.

Make A Difference Day

As in years past, USA Weekend’s Make a Difference Day is a day of giving back to the community or helping out those in need. I have organized these events for the past several years and find them to be the most fulfilling day one can take part in. Every year we have offered our services to help seniors and those with disabilities with raking leaves, small errands, odd jobs around the homes, small repairs or anything else we can (within our range of expertise) help out in. This year will be no different, but I am asking for more volunteers. You can volunteer for the day or for a few hours, whatever you can spare. We’d also like to see more businesses and their employees take part in the event. Flyers will come out prior to the event and information will be available on our website, but please mark your calendars for October 25th – Rain or Shine from 9 am - 3 pm. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Loaves and Fishes program that helps feed the homeless and needy families in our area. If you wish to volunteer, please send me an email at mayor@villageofschillerpark.com and I will mark you down.

2nd Annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast

Here is a personal invitation to all our Veterans in Schiller Park to join us at the Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue, on Sunday, November 9th from 9 am to Noon for a complimentary pancake breakfast to thank you for your service to our country. All Veterans and current military personnel are invited to attend along with their families. Hope to see all our Veterans there. Please take the time to look through the Schillergram for some updates, useful info and upcoming events. And don’t forget to visit our website for more information.

www.villageofschillerpark.com.

Enjoy Fall!

Working for you with a vision.

Sincerely,
Mayor Barbara

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What did the IDNR project do to fix the flooding problem? Altogether, the IDNR flood control project focused on improving the conveyance aspects of Crystal Creek; meaning the ability of the creek to move stormwater from the upstream end of the system to the downstream end (at the Des Plaines River) as effectively as possible. Essentially, the IDNR project removed all the “bottlenecks” in the system that artificially raised flood elevations along the creek.

What’s next? Now that the IDNR project is complete, the official floodplain maps for the Schiller Park area need to be revised to reflect the fact that the flood control project is in place and operational. It is expected that the revised maps will show significant reductions (but not elimination) of the floodplain areas along Crystal Creek. These floodplain maps, called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), are published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and are based on detailed engineering studies of rivers, streams, and other water bodies to define flood elevations along those features relative to the local topography.

The real-world threat of flooding is of genuine concern to those with property and buildings near waterways such as Crystal Creek. But an often greater concern to the owner is the requirement to carry flood insurance and ability to pay the premiums for flood insurance. Flood insurance can be a complex subject. Because the determination of flood risk is so important to the



establishment of flood insurance rates, it is essential that the technical data, methods, and procedures used to define the flood risk zones are as consistent and accurate as possible. FEMA has established specific standards and procedures for preparing FIRM’s and for changing or updating them so that a high level of consistency and accuracy is met. The physical completion of the IDNR flood control project for Crystal Creek will not automatically change/update the FIRM’s for Crystal Creek. Our next step is to apply for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR, pronounced “Lo-mar”) to revise the currently effective FIRM’s. This process is not as simple or quick as it may sound. Now that the IDNR project is complete, physical surveys of the finished construction need to be made. Engineering analysis and computer models of the required flood scenarios have to be put together based on the physical survey data. Finally, the results of that engineering analysis and computer modeling have to be converted to the mapping of the flood risk zones that you see on the FIRM. All of this work needs to be completed, assembled, and presented in the formats that FEMA requires. All of this technical information needs to be submitted to FEMA, along with the completed LOMR application and required fee, for their review and eventual acceptance.

A qualified engineering consultant will need to be hired to complete all of this work and manage most of the coordination with FEMA during the LOMR review process. Because the FIRM revisions will benefit both Schiller Park and Franklin Park, there will need to be a cost-sharing agreement put together for hiring the LOMR engineering consultant.

Given the relatively large scope of the changes to the Crystal Creek flood risk zones because of the IDNR project, the time it takes to work out the necessary agreements, complete and assemble the required technical data and analyses, and allow for the agency review cycles, we are anticipating that it will be 2-3 years before FEMA will issue the revised FIRM’s that will be the new regulatory standard for Crystal Creek. We will provide you with regular updates as progress on the LOMR project is made.

**The Construction is Wrapping Up
What’s Next for
Crystal Creek?**



The construction of the final phase (Phase IIB) of the Crystal Creek Flood Control Project is nearing completion. This project was constructed and largely funded by the State of Illinois and managed through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The project was first defined in a strategic planning study prepared by the IDNR’s predecessor agency, the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Water Resources, in March of 1991. This study was prepared in response to the flood damages in the Schiller Park area that resulted from the heavy rainstorms of August 1987. Obviously, there is a lot of history behind the finished product that we have seen be completed in the late summer of 2014.

Police Chief's Corner



As I travel throughout Schiller Park, residents and business owners frequently ask me about crime prevention and the obstacles police face to deter wrongdoing. I normally respond by emphasizing the philosophy and tactics of community oriented policing. This message always seems to resonate as an operational strategy to deter crime. I further believe that the idea of building a working, trusting relationship with the community is vital to reducing crime. Establishing this positive relationship is essential to collect valuable intelligence,

participation and support from the community.

Realistically, police officers cannot be on every street corner. Therefore, having the ears, eyes and backing of the community will make policing more effective and efficient. Thus, I believe that the residents should personally get to know the Police Officers who serve them. Putting a name with a face will only serve to make the Police Officers approachable in real life situations. Consequently, each edition of the Schillergram will contain photographs and biographies of the officers, as a means for residents to personally meet the Police Officers who serve them.

Meet Your Police Officers

Sergeant **Joseph DeSimone** joined the Schiller Park Police Department in 1998. Before that, he spent several years as an Auxiliary Officer for the Village of Rosemont and also served as a Correctional Officer for the Cook County Department of Corrections. Since joining the department, he has worked as a Patrol Officer, Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer, and currently as a Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant DeSimone holds an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement, a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and a Master's degree in Business Administration.



When asked about the challenges faced in being a Police supervisor, Sergeant DeSimone gave the following response: "There are many challenges every police supervisor faces, especially a first-line police Sergeant. The first-line police Sergeant must have a thorough knowledge of all technical aspects of law enforcement. They must also serve as a trainer, coach, and supervisor. To compound the situation, a first-line supervisor must try to satisfy management directives and maintain high morale amongst his or her officers should their goals conflict. The first-line supervisor has to deal with the public, make quick, legally sound decisions in the field, and must ensure his or her officers are properly trained and developed according to management expectations. They truly must be all things to all people." If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at jdesimone@schilleparkil.us.

Tom Henn began his police career in 1987, after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. During his 27-year tenure in Schiller Park, he had the opportunity to serve as a Patrol Officer, Community Police Officer, DARE Officer and 17 years as a Detective. Then in 2001, Robert Radak the former Chief of Police, appointed him as Assistant Commander. In 2014, Tom was re-assigned to administrative duties and still maintains this designation. In this



position, Tom is responsible for special projects, property and inventory, serves as court officer/liaison and has direct oversight of the dispatch center. Tom is also an original member of the West Suburban Major Crime Task Force where he rose to his current position of Operations Commander. Tom states that there are some misconceptions about community policing. "It is a collaborative and inventive way to problem solve and keep our neighborhoods safe. Community policing is described as the interpersonal contact between police and residents, connecting with the community. This is an effective method to achieve crime prevention in our neighborhoods. I personally meet with residents on a daily basis to try to foster a positive connection between the public and the Schiller Park Police Department." If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at thenn@schilleparkil.us.



Dan Koch has 29 years of experience as a Police Officer. Dan is currently assigned as a Patrol Officer conducting preliminary investigations. He also previously served as a Detective for 10 years and has several certifications, which include interview and interrogation techniques, truck enforcement officer, evidence technician and juvenile officer. Dan states that he has seen many policing changes over the years. "When I began my career, the dispatch center had two telephones and a typewriter. We now have enhanced 911 systems along with car computers. The use of technology has increased exponentially which amplified the need for specialized training to allow officers to keep pace with all areas of Law Enforcement. It is an honor to serve this community. Please stop me if I can be of assistance to you."

Police Officer **Neil Amedeo** is a skilled professional who has been with the Village of Schiller Park since 2005. Neil is currently assigned to the patrol division and is a certified Breath Alcohol Operator. Furthermore, Neil is in the process of completing the Traffic Accident Reconstructionist course from Northwestern University, which allows him to apply his love of science and physics to police work. Neil also stated that he became a Police Officer to help people in need and to serve the public. Please feel free to contact Neil directly if he can be of assistance.



Tom Reif is the newest member of the Schiller Park Police Department. Tom was sworn in March 2013 and currently works patrol during the midnight shift. He earned his associates degree in criminal justice from Harper College. Tom also has prior law enforcement experience, having worked as a community service officer for the Village of Schaumburg and as a Deputy Sheriff for Ford County. Tom and his wife Rebecca have two children. Tom states that he plans on policing Schiller Park for his entire career and welcomes the opportunity to serve the community. Please contact Tom via the department at 847-678-4794.



All in all, community policing is the cornerstone of the Schiller Park Police Department approach to crime reduction. Therefore, I am requesting all residents to get involved and stay active in our community. Immediately report any suspicious activity to police. Do not turn a blind eye to criminal activity. This will make our vulnerable neighborhoods much safer and improve quality of life for all residents.



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month.



Testing, Testing! Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them today!

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, October 8-10, 1871,—the blaze that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. The tragedy inspired reform across the United States, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October, the national Fire Protection Association (NFPA) serves as the official sponsor of a nationwide fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety education. This year's theme focuses on a very important activity—testing your smoke alarms every month!

Smoke Alarm Basics

- Install smoke alarms IN every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds they all sound.
- An Ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally responsive to smoldering fires. Both types of detection alarms or combination photoelectric/ionization alarms—also known as dual-sensor alarms—should be installed in the home.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not respond properly when tested.

For further information contact the Schiller Park Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 678-5136.

Fire Facts:

- Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- When smoke alarms don't work, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead.
- Remember, working smoke alarms save lives.
Test yours every month.

Cooking Safety Tips

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It's important to be alert to prevent cooking fires.
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stove top.

If You Have A Cooking Fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the

- stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Kitchen Fire Facts and Figures

- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in these fires.
- 67% of home cooking fires started with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of these fires, but these incidents accounted for 16%.
- Ranges accounted for the largest share, (57%) of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.
- More than half (55%) of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Frying poses the greatest risk of fire.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires.

T-Ball

Thanks to the efforts and dedication of Patrick Tutak and the cooperation of John Bealer and the Schiller Park Recreation Board, Schiller Park was able to support and reintroduce T-Ball to the village. The team played at Kennedy field for home games, the Franklin Park Vipers at East School in Franklin Park and River Grove teams at Rhodes school. They had a total of 14 games that ran from late April to the end of June and unfortunately had 4 rainouts.

Pat Tutak said it wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of Tom Incandela as a volunteer coach along with many of the parents, including Pat's wife.

The children pictured in the team photo are from left to right Katherine McCloud, Alex McNeil, Connor Tutak, Rocco Whitte, Mateo Diaz, Tesa Rivas, Blake Komarek, Angela Koleski, Aidan Tutak, Nathan Travis, Trinity Rivas, and Tyler Whalen. Not pictured are Jake Sanchez and Charles Baird.

Pat said it was very rewarding introducing baseball to this group of 4 to 6 year olds. From teaching them how to catch the ball and hit off the tee, to having them hit a pitched ball by the end of the year. Pat stated, "I truly look forward to next year and watching some of these kids move on to an older age group. We hope to meet new players come spring." Pat also said they will need volunteers for the upcoming season to build an independent baseball league.



FREE Document Shredding Event

September 20th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Village of Schiller Park is offering a free shredding event for Village residents only on Saturday September 20, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are interested please bring the private documents you want shredded to the area behind the Public Works Department Street Garage (located behind the Village Hall at 9526 W. Irving Park Rd.) and they will be shredded on site for you.

National Drug Take Back Event

Saturday, September 27, 2014

• 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Rear of Firehouse



Building upon previous successes and overwhelming positive feedback from residents, the Police and Fire Departments will once again be participating in the “National Take-Back Initiative” which is a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) national program aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse and accidental overdoses by encouraging residents to turn-in unneeded prescription pills. In our three previous offerings, residents turned-in 56 lbs, 81lbs, and 40 lbs respectively of prescription drugs. The next Take-Back event will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm. Residents can come to the rear of the Fire Department located at 9526 W. Irving Park Road and turn-in any unneeded prescription pills to a police officer. The DEA will later destroy the pills, which is safer for the environment than throwing old drugs in the trash or flushing them down a toilet. The only requirement is that the medication be in pill form (i.e. capsules or tablets). Liquids and needles will not be accepted. Medications will be accepted with no questions asked and citizens further concerned about privacy can also remove or blackout prescription labels before handing-over any bottles.

Anyone with questions can contact Lieutenant Ed Ladonsky at 847-678-4794.

HALLOWEEN HOWL

7:00 PM - 8:30 P.M.

Friday, October 31st

Recreation Center

9638 Irving Park Road



Grab your goodie bag and head on over to the Recreation Center for a “spooktacular” night of fun activities, games and goodies. The Village sponsors this great indoor event offering a safe activity regardless of the weather. Don’t forget to wear your costume and bring a bag for your goodies.

Thank you to the many kind businesses in the community that donate to this special event and the volunteers who make sure everyone is having fun. The Halloween Howl is intended for children ages toddler – 10 years old. For additional information contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.

From The Heart of the Village Schiller Park Historical Society

Schiller Park’s Centennial Anniversary Year has been exciting, memorable, unpredictable, exhausting, but we’re not through yet! The Historical Society hosts its annual Eden Cemetery Walk, Saturday, September 20. Start time is 10 a.m., at the office steps. Wear walking shoes. There is new information to share. If the weather is uncooperative, we will present the walk via photos (a virtual walk) in the Chapel. The program takes about an hour. The event is free, but we do appreciate donations. Coffee will be provided afterward and the guest book will be open for all to sign. The “Eden God’s Acre” book which was published in 2004 is being updated, and should be available. Please call, 847-671-8513 or e-mail, sphometownnews@yahoo.com, to let us know you will join us. We need to know how many to plan for. Mark your calendar for the Veterans Breakfast, Sunday, November 9, honoring Schiller Park veterans of the past 100 years. And come visit the “gang” at the History Room on Monday mornings. Coffee pot is always on.

ComEd Offers Safety Tips on Flooded Basements



Storms bring a risk of basement flooding. Because so many people have critical systems and other electronic devices in their basements, there is a higher risk of electrocution when entering a flooded basement to assess damage. ComEd offers the following safety tips for customers with flooded basements.

- Customers should call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661) to disconnect power before entering a flooded basement.
- Never wade into a flooded basement unless all electricity has been disconnected (such as power that supplies sump pumps, freezers, etc.). Water may be in contact with electrical outlets, appliances or cords.
- If you are experiencing a power outage, do not wade into a flooded basement. Power may be restored while you are in the flooded basement and the motors on appliances may be submerged.
- Never attempt to turn off power at the breaker box if you must stand in water to do so.
- Never operate electrical appliances or devices or touch electrical switches, outlets or cords if you are standing in water or are on a wet surface, or if you are wet.
- Be aware of any electrical equipment that could be energized and in contact with water.

Public safety is paramount during storms and ComEd encourages the public to remember to take the following precautions:

- Never approach a downed power line. If you encounter a downed power line, immediately call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661) or access our website at ComEd.com and report the location.
- Spanish speaking customers should call 1-800-95-LUCES (1-800-955-8237).
- Check on elderly and other sensitive family members and neighbors to ensure their safety, and in the event of an extended outage, assist them in reaching an alternate location.

If customers experience a power outage, they can text OUT to 26633 (COMED) to report their outage and receive restoration information, and can follow the company on Twitter @ComEd or on Facebook at Facebook.com/ComEd to stay up to date on the latest ComEd storm restoration information. ComEd also has an interactive outage map on its website, which allows customers to easily find information on the location and size of outages and get estimated power restoration times. More storm safety information can be found on ComEd’s website at <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/safety/Pages/storm-outagesafety.aspx>.

Schiller Park Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 21st • 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Please eat well, drink lots of liquids the day before, bring a photo ID, and some friends! When you donate you find out your blood type for free, get a free mini-physical and a cholesterol reading. The Blood Drive reported two winners of our August donation contest below:

Two donors won the drawing of two Great America tickets each donated by the Village. The Winners were:

- 1) Stephen House and
- 2) Officer Jon Kubycheck - Schiller Park Police Department

SEE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.villageofschillerpark.com
for important health information update



Calendar of Events

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 23rd

Village Board Meetings

(Thursday at 7:00 PM)

September 18th

October 2nd

October 16th

Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Farmers' Market

(Thursday at 12:00 PM — 5:00 PM)

September 11th

October 9th

Corner of Irving Park Rd. & River Road

Community Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, September 13th

9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Throughout Town

Knights of Columbus Tootsie

Roll Campaign

Friday, September 19th

Saturday, September 20th

Assisting Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Village Free Shredding Event

Saturday, September 20th

9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Behind Village Hall

National Drug Take Back Event

Saturday, September 27th

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Rear of Firehouse

Street Sweeping

September 8th Even Addresses,
September 9th Odd Addresses
September 22nd Even Addresses,
September 23rd Odd Addresses
October 13th Even Addresses,
October 14th Odd Addresses
October 27th Even Addresses,
October 28th Odd Addresses

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 21st

1:30PM — 6:30 PM

Community Center

Veteran's Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 9th

8:30 AM — 10:00 AM

Community Center

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.*

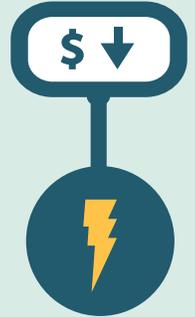
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Schiller Park Electric Aggregation Program Suspension



The Village of Schiller Park established a municipal electric aggregation savings program in 2012 following the passage of a voter referendum authorizing the program. The purpose was to help residents purchase electricity at rates lower than ComEd, and successfully achieved its goals: the average participating household saved an estimated \$280 on their electric supply versus the ComEd default rate, for a community-wide savings over \$800,000 by the end of the program's two-year term. Savings continued through July 2014 meter readings, at which time the program's term expired and accounts were moved back to ComEd supply.



The Village sought bids for a renewal program, but declined offers as lowest bids received offered no expected savings versus the ComEd default rate. Thus, the Village suspended the program, but may go to bid again to seek savings for a renewal program in 2015.

The base ComEd rate is re-set several times a year and a floating portion of the charge (the Purchased Electricity Adjustment) varies from month to month. The ComEd rate for the month of August is 7.096¢ per kWh, and will rise to 7.304¢ for the month of September. The October rate has not yet been announced.

Residents enrolled in the Village's program received a ComEd "Confirmation of Drop" notice stating their supply service will be switched back to ComEd. It also stated that ratepayers would have two billing periods in which they may choose to switch to another supplier or otherwise will be required to remain on ComEd electric supply service for a total of 12 months from the effective date on the letter. Residents are advised they may switch to another supplier only within that first 60-day window. No action is needed on your part to be moved to the ComEd supply rate.

Residents should beware of door-to-door solicitors, direct callers or direct mail pieces regarding electric supply and are advised to carefully review contract terms for any floating rates or early termination fees. It is recommended ratepayers never release their account number to a solicitor under any circumstance, unless they have decided to move to that supplier.

The Village took advantage of competition in the de-regulated electric market when it contracted the initial aggregation program rate two years ago. Electricity prices have increased in large part due to an increase in capacity charges as established by State regulators, as well as this winter's "polar vortex," which put great pressure on natural gas supplies, a large component of electricity generation. Although prices are now higher, residents continue to pay less than during the summer of 2010 when the ComEd rate was about 9¢ per kWh.

In 1998, just prior to electric deregulation, Illinois electric rates were 1¢/kWh above the national average. Following deregulation, prices are nearly 2¢ below the national average. Deregulation and municipal aggregation have resulted in substantial savings for Illinois residents!

The Illinois Commerce Commission has established a resource for residents to learn more about supplier choice: www.Pluginillinois.org. Residents with questions about the now-expired program may call the Village's consultant, NIMEC at 800-727-3820. (When calling NIMEC, please leave your call back number and you will be contacted within 24 hours.)