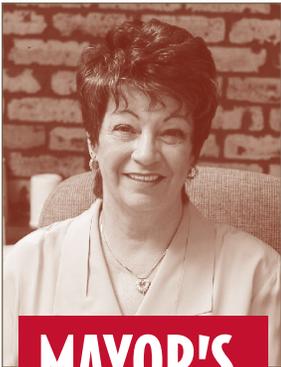


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

CRYSTAL CREEK CONSTRUCTION ABOUT TO BEGIN!

The Village is very pleased to announce that construction on the Crystal Creek flood control project is about to begin! After many years of hard work by the Village Board and Staff this important project is getting underway this summer – perhaps even sometime this month! This long and difficult process included obtaining funding from the State (a total of \$2,700,000), obtaining easements from dozens of property owners, obtaining permits from both State and Federal agencies, meeting environmental requirements, and the development of detailed construction plans for the project.

As reported earlier, bids for this phase of the Crystal Creek project were opened in March of 2010. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) then set to work finalizing contracts with the selected bidder, which was completed in early May. The initial “pre-construction” meeting, including representatives of the IDNR, the contractor, and the Village was held during the week of May 17th. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the timeline for construction and any other issues that might arise during the project. The meeting went well and planning for construction of the Creek improvements has proceeded.

One topic of conversation at the pre-construction meeting was the scheduling of an informational meeting for residents who live along the creek. The Village will notify the residents that are invited to this meeting directly. The Village will continue to provide updates on this project on the Village website (www.villageofschillerpark.com) as further progress

is made. If you have further questions regarding this project please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

On an unrelated note I also want to mention two new Village offerings that are available this summer. First the Village’s new dog park, located at the north-end of the Metra Station property, opens Friday, June 18th. This modest park provides some open space for dog owners to exercise their pets off leash and let them socialize with other dogs. Second the Village is sponsoring a Farmers’ Market this summer at the Metra Station on Tuesdays from 3 PM – 7 PM starting June 15th. The market will offer a variety of goods for sale including fresh food from local farmers. Last but not least I want to highlight that the 4th season of the Village’s award-winning Water Park opens on Monday, June 7th. This wonderful facility has been enjoyed by thousands of people over its first three years and has exceeded even our high expectations for its success.

Details about all of these fun activities can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope everyone in the Village has a terrific summer and enjoys some of the wonderful activities and events the Village has planned.

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana,
Mayor

FARMERS' MARKET STARTS THIS JUNE!

The Village of Schiller Park is pleased to announce that a Farmers' Market is coming to town starting this month! The Market will be held every Tuesday from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM starting June 15th and will last through October 26th. The Market will be held in the Metra Station parking lot and will feature a variety of food and other goods. Please come out and enjoy this fun activity!



NEW VILLAGE DOG PARK OPENS JUNE 18TH!

AND THE WINNER IS...

SCHILLER BARK PARK

The Recreation Department received dozens of entries in the "Name that Dog Park" contest. The winning entry was submitted by Zach Grassi. Zach will receive a free family season pool pass to the Anna Montana Water Park. Thank you to all of the children who submitted suggestions.

Schiller Bark Park will open to residents beginning Friday, June 18th. Dog owners that get their required dog license (obtained by showing proof of current rabies vaccine and paying a fee) can use

the dog park. The fee is \$5 (resident) or \$10 (non-resident). The cost of the resident tag increases to \$7 after June 30, 2010. Owners will receive their standard collar license tag which will allow access to the dog park. Dog license tags are good thru June 30, 2011 and must be obtained annually. These tags can be obtained at Village Hall, the Recreation Center or Community Development.

The dog park will have benches, dog waste bags, garbage receptacles and a drinking fountain which includes a lower bowl for your dog. Dogs and their owners will have an opportunity to socialize with others in a secure area

where your pets can run off leash and explore while getting some good exercise. As is normally the case, dog owners are responsible for their dogs. Owners will not be allowed to bring dogs that are aggressive towards other dogs or people. Owners are also expected to clean-up after their dogs with bags provided on site. Please remember that the dog park provides one open area for all size dogs so owners must be mindful of their dog's interactions with others.

For more information please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580 or email to registar@villageofschillerpark.com.

VILLAGE CAR SHOW & FAMILY FEST

SAVE THE DATE!

The Village will be hosting its 2nd Car Show and Family Festival this fall on Sunday, September 12th from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Metra Station on Ruby Street. This wonderful family event will include an antique car show and a host of other family friendly events and activities. Among the activities already

planned are a DJ, pony rides, and "touch-a-truck" (including both Police and

Fire Department emergency vehicles), with more to come. Also local restaurants will be

on hand to serve some tasty favorites.



If you are interested in registering your car for the car show, applications are available at the Village Hall. If you have any other questions about this event please contact Audrey in the Mayor's Office at (847) 678-2550.

WATER PARK INFORMATION



AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Swim Lessons\$35
10 lessons per session

1st session June 22-July 3
2nd session July 13-July 24
3rd session Aug. 3-Aug. 14

Mom & Tot\$35

AQUATIC FITNESS

\$50 Res./\$55 Non-Res.
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12:00-12:50 p.m.
June 14th – August 6th

AQUATIC FACILITY/POOL RENTAL

2 hours • 1-50 people
Resident\$300
Non-Resident.....\$400
*Does not include concession stand.
(\$10.00 each additional person)*

REGISTRATION TIMES & LOCATIONS

RECREATION CENTER

9638 W. Irving Park Rd
(847) 671-8580
Monday – Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ANNA MONTANA WATER PARK

4001 Scott St.
(847) 671-8585
Saturday, June 5 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Register on or before June 7 and save with discounted fees.

POOL HOURS

Pool opens Monday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m.

ADULTS ONLY

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
(Monday-Friday)
Resident senior citizens swim free during adult swim.

GENERAL PUBLIC

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(Monday-Friday)
11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
(Saturday & Sunday)

ADMISSIONS

	IN DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT
Family Pass	\$115	\$165
(After June 7)	\$125	\$175
Individual 13 & Under	\$35	\$60
(After June 7)	\$40	\$65
Individual 14 & Older	\$40	\$65
(After June 7)	\$45	\$70
Senior Citizens.....	\$35	\$60
Replacement Pass.....	\$5	

DAILY ADMISSIONS/PER SESSION

3 - 13 yrs old\$ 5
14 & over.....\$ 7

Residents must show proof of residency.

FAMILY pass includes (4) immediate family members living at residence; each additional family member is \$15 resident & \$20 non-resident.

A parent signature is necessary for those under 18, when purchasing a pool pass.

CLOCKTOWER PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Village's well received series of free concerts at Clocktower Park is returning for another season of good music and family fun this coming summer. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating. The following is the updated schedule:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Tangent (Classic Rock)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
White Saddle Band (Country & Western)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Ronnie Barnes & The Highway Kings (Pop)

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

THE SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A word of thanks to all of you who helped us celebrate our 20th anniversary. It was an exciting day, many recollections, and lots of good conversation.

A memo about the names of veterans placed on the Memorial Wall in Clock Tower Park: The Society holds the information about the men and women already recognized. These volumes are available for perusal to anyone interested in reviewing them.

The Society is working on a possible "family reunion" of Chief Alexander Robinson descendents this summer. We will keep you posted.

Also, our new open to the public hours are the second Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - noon. Summer dates for 2010 are June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th. We continue to have our workday on Mondays before noon.

GIFT FROM THE HEART FOUNDATION MOVES TO THE VILLAGE!

SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

A while ago we have moved into the Village of Schiller Park. And now it is time for us to introduce ourselves to all of you. We are the Gift from the Heart Foundation, a non-profit, charitable organization that since 1988 has assisted children with disabilities from abroad as well as local ones. Last November we started various workshop classes that ran very successfully with lots of children attending. To find out more about that and other activities you are cordially invited to our Open House Party on Sunday, July 25th, 2010. Our getting together will be accompanied by delicious food and beverage tasting as well as live music and other festivities. You will have an opportunity to meet the children, staff, and local celebrities who will make this gathering even more memorable. We are very anxious to meet you, so please mark your calendar: all day, July 25, 2010 at 3860 25th Avenue in Schiller Park, starting at 10:00 AM. This is going to be a very family-oriented event so, please bring your children, your nieces and nephews, school children, friends, and business partners! We can't wait to see you! Need to know more about us now?

Please log on to www.giftfromtheheartfoundation.org or www.darserca.org and check us out!

SCHILLER PARK POLICE FOP LODGE 170 6TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH

Fox Run Golf Links • 333 Plum Grove Road • Elk Grove

Registration	10:30AM
Lunch	11:00AM
Shotgun Start	12:00PM

Golf, Dinner and Open Bar:	\$110.00 per golfer
Dinner Only:	\$40.00 per guest
Hole Sponsorship:	\$150.00 per hole

AWARDS WILL INCLUDE:

- Closest to the pin
- Longest drive
- Lowest team score
- Hole in one contest

ALSO AT THE OUTING:

- Door prizes
- Raffle prizes
- Split the pot

A SPECIAL \$10 RAFFLE WILL BE HELD FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

Granite countertops installed by
Euro Marble Schiller Pk (\$5,000 value)
A trip for two to Las Vegas (\$1,000 value)
Flat Panel Television (\$500 value)

If you cannot attend our outing, donations are always accepted and appreciated. All monies raised from the outing will benefit local charities. Please contact any of our officers or call the FOP members below.

Frank DeSimone.....847-489-9536
Michael Marrazzo847-343-0571
William Martin847-812-7875

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FIRE PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME

Do you regularly check for home fire hazards? If not, there is a potential for danger. Fire Departments responded to more than 400,000 home fires last year. In fact, more than 78 percent of all structure fires are home fires.

Many potential fire hazards go undetected because people simply do not take steps to fireproof their home—and most potential fire hazards can be corrected with a little common sense.

Cooking fires are one of the leading causes of home fire injuries. Nearly all kitchen fires start with ignition of food, cooking materials such as oil or other items found in the kitchen.

Another leading cause of home fires is electricity. In 2009, more than 52,000 reported structure fires were due to electrical problems, such as frayed wires, misuse of extension cords and overloaded outlets.

Smoking has been a leading cause of home fires for decades. Eighty percent of home smoking fires originated in upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedding or clothing. Bedroom fires are often caused by smoking in bed, misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles and children playing with matches and lighters.

Fire safety and prevention starts at home, and involves the entire family. Identifying potential fire hazards and correcting them before a fire starts is a lesson in saving lives.

For more information about fire safety check out our website, www.villageofschillerpark.com/departments/fire_department/default.aspx

RESIDENTIAL SECURED KEY SYSTEM

The Village of Schiller Park participates in a secured key system that allows

owners to lock up their home keys for access by fire department personnel only.

The system adopted in Schiller Park is manufactured by the Knox Company based in Arizona. The secured key system commonly called a Knox Box is already in use by businesses in Schiller Park who have a fire alarm or sprinkler system.

The Knox Box is designed for firefighters and paramedics to have access to keys for entry. This may happen when there is an ambulance call and you cannot get to the door, or if a smoke detector is going off with no one home and the fire department needs to get into the home.

The Knox Box limits potential damage to doors and windows. The Knox Box is built similar to a small vault which you mount outside your home. The fire department in Schiller Park is the only department with access. After the Knox Box is mounted you contact the fire department who will witness the placement of the keys in the Knox Box and then secure it.

The fire department key to open the Knox Box is kept on the fire apparatus and is secured via radio frequency through dispatch or by a coded entry number.

For further information about pricing and placing an order contact Fire Director Deegan at (847) 678-5136.

SCHILLER PARK FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION GIVES BACK

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association has been active in their charitable activities over the last few months.

During the holiday season the firefighters and paramedics “Rang the Bell” for the Salvation Army. We would like to thank those of you who donated in front of Walgreens.

In March the Association participated at St. Beatrice’s Loaves & Fishes to feed the homeless, working poor and elderly. The members shopped, purchased, prepared and served the food.

In April the Firefighters and paramedics scooped ice cream at Baskin Robbins to benefit “31 cent scoop night” to benefit The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Most recently the Association did a “Fill the Boot” and raised \$2,000 for burn camp. Burn camp is a summer camp experience for children and teenagers who have experienced injuries from burns. Several members have also volunteered to participate at burn camps visitor’s day. They will spend the day interacting with the children and driving in the fire apparatus parade.

The Schiller Park Firefighters Association is made up from members of the fire department both current and past. We are a non-profit charitable organization on file with the Attorney General’s Office. We share the belief that a strong community begins with the kind act of giving back.

NAME THE PUMPER CONTEST

The Fire Department is hosting a Name the Fire Engine contest for students in Schiller Park who are in the 4th and 5th grades. The winner will have the winning name attached to the vehicle and will be honored during Fire Prevention Week. This new fire engine will join our other named fire apparatus, Cherry Life Saver, Tower of Power and Fire Belle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRES NEW MEMBERS

The Schiller Park Fire Department recently swore in FF/PM Adam Niemand. Adam comes to our department as a paramedic and is currently attending the NIPSTA Fire Training Academy for three months of training.

AROUND TOWN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

SCHILLER PARK'S ATLAS WINS NATIONWIDE TOYOTA AWARD

Toyota Material Handling U.S.A., Inc. recently awarded to Al Rawson of Atlas Toyota Material Handling its prestigious President's Award for 2009. Atlas was selected as a top dealer from a nationwide network of 68 dealers and 188 dealership locations.

"Each year our dealers go above and beyond to demonstrate top quality service and support," said Brett Wood, president of TMHU. "The President's Award provides TMHU with a way to showcase their achievements and honor their dedication to their customers and the material handling industry."

This award recognizes Atlas for demonstrating excellence in parts, service and equipment sales, customer satisfaction and overall dealership operations. Congratulations, Atlas!

CRITTERS AMONGST US

Schiller Park's open spaces and proximity to the Des Plaines River and Forest Preserves give us plenty of furry little neighbors. Our comfortable homes and yards are also attractive to wildlife – some unwelcome.

- Please look around your yard and consider what would make a good nest or den for

these animals – an overturned wheel barrow, a wood pile. We can't even fit in the space, but for a rabbit family, it's a mansion.

- Store food where animals can't get to it. "Bird Food" in your garage is a smorgasbord for mice, stray cats, skunks, and others. Unfortunately they can't read, but they know it's good eatin'.

The Village and Leyden Township offer free trapping and removal. If you need a trap, please call Community Development at 847-671-8555.

PARKWAYS

Schiller Park residents are known to maintain their homes and yards very nicely. Please remember that our parkways – usually the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb in front of your house – are actually part of the public right-of-way. This small patch of land contains water mains, sewer mains, water valves, fire hydrants, storm sewers, and connections from utilities to your house. Additionally, we have many tree-lined streets offering beauty and shade for our streets. It is important for property owners and the village to be careful with every item in this crowded space. Because a small bush or tree planted in the parkway today can grow into a large sight obstruction for drivers a few years from now the Village has a list of approved parkway trees. If you wish to plant a tree in your parkway please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

FEATURED HOTEL: HAMPTON INN O'HARE

The Hampton Inn O'Hare, located in Schiller Park at 3939 N. Mannheim Road has served the airport guest and Schiller Park for 20 years, and has been recently renovated to cater to the high expectations of today's traveler. The hotel features entirely renovated guest rooms with the Style Right furniture package created for Hampton, flat screen High Definition televisions, Cloud Nine bedding system, renovated public space to include Hampton's Perfect Mix Lobby, the updated "free" hot breakfast buffet, newly furnished meeting rooms, Hampton's new Jump Start Fitness Center, and a new saline indoor pool and whirlpool. The facility and staff cater to guests with the 'Hamptonality' common to the Hampton Brand. As a member of the Hilton Family of Hotels, the Hampton Inn O'Hare participates in the HHonors guest loyalty program offering discounts and points for free stays world-wide. The Hampton's staff has served Schiller Park for many years and offers special rates for groups, meetings, and weekend stays. Please contact José Melendez, General Manager or Vianney Miranda, Senior Sales Manager for assistance. They can both be reached at the hotel's phone number: 847-671-1700. To reserve a room online, direct your browser to www.hampton.com. Please patronize all Schiller Park businesses!

FLU SHOTS

Mark Your Calendar: Flu Shots will be given at the Schiller Park Community Center at 4501 N. 25th Avenue in September. Please check the village web site or the message boards.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive will be on June 15th from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Schiller Park Community Center at 4501 N. 25th Avenue.

STANDING WATER

Summer means mosquitoes. Mosquitoes, besides being a nuisance, carry diseases including West Nile Virus. The Village and Leyden Township spray throughout the summer, but residents can help decrease the mosquito population. Please look around your yard for anything that can hold standing water. Drain it, turn it over, or discard it.

FRANKLIN PARK / SCHILLER PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber sponsors numerous events every year serving the businesses in our area. These activities include tours, education, seminars, social mixers, the annual golf outing and many more.

June 16 – Business After-Hours at Candlewood Suites

June 22 – Meet Your Representatives Breakfast at the 'Centre at North Park'

July 20 – Annual Golf Outing, Bloomingdale Golf Course

August 24 – Community Development Update Breakfast at Positano's

Membership is quick and inexpensive. Please visit www.chamberbyohare.org to join!

FROM THE BUILDING OFFICIAL: CONSTRUCTION SEASON

It is important to know that most projects require a building permit, so please contact the Community Development Department if you have any doubt about whether a permit is needed just to be safe. Additionally contractors working in town need to be licensed, bonded, and insured. Please be aware that even if your project does not require a permit, your contractor still needs to be licensed and registered with the Village.

Be leery of contractors that ask you to “pull the permits” for your home remodeling projects. This is because there are important legal ramifications of your pulling the permits that you may not be aware of. Generally it is best to have your contractor pull the permits. Please be aware that homeowners are allowed to do most projects around their homes themselves if they want. Along with the insurance requirements, there is a new EPA law “RRP” (that stands for Renovation, Repair, and Painting) that requires contractors doing home repair and renovations to be lead certified. This requirement applies to all homes built before 1978.

As of January 29th, 2010 the State of Illinois has made it mandatory for the Village to enforce the 2009 International Energy Code. This requires any remodeling project to use more energy efficient building materials. Included are windows, doors, and higher value insulation projects. Check with the Community Development Department if you have any questions regarding Building Permits, or whether or not something you are thinking about purchasing for your home meets the energy efficiency required by the Energy Code. There is information, including advice on guidelines and permit applications, on the Village Website or in person at the Community Development Department at 4501 N. 25th Avenue on Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM -5:00 PM. Our phone number is (847) 671-8555.

GRASS NOT BEING CUT?... CALL THE VILLAGE

It is the obligation of every property owner in the Village to maintain their property. The requirement that homeowners maintain their property is part of the Village Code and is enforced by the Community Development Department. This is important because properly maintained homes help the appearance of the neighborhood and keep property values strong.

Proper maintenance includes the building(s) and any yard that may be attached to it. Properly maintaining the yard requires, at a minimum, cutting the grass throughout the growing season. The Village would appreciate your help to ensure that

the grass is cut regularly at all properties within the Village. The Village tries to identify all the properties where the grass is not being cut but sometimes one may escape our notice so it helps to have observant residents help us keep our list complete.

If a property is not being mowed, please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555. We will post a pink doorknob hangar asking the owner to mow. If you see a pink doorknob hangar already on the home, the Village already has the property on our ‘mow list’ – so it is not necessary to call. Thank You for helping keep the Village a beautiful community.

ACTIVITY CENTER RENTAL ROOM AVAILABLE

Rent the Schiller Park Activity Center for your next gathering. This room can accommodate up to 50 people comfortably with banquet style round tables and a kitchen area with stove, microwave, refrigerator and sink. This building is ADA accessible and has been rented for many different uses including parties, meetings and group activities. To check availability and fees contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.



SCHILLER PARK DAY CAMP – SUMMER 2010

The Schiller Park Recreation Department is offering 3 separate 3 week sessions. There are various sites the kids will visit including surrounding parks and playgrounds (Stalica and Kennedy Parks), and the Anna Montana Water Park/Pool. Activities planned for this summer include: theme days like Hawaiian Day, Water Days, Pajama Party, Halloween, sports, picnics, dodge ball, arts and crafts, our annual Talent Show and our "Goodbye Summer" barbeque. Parents can register their children at the Schiller Park Recreation Department. Registration is on going. Call (847) 671-8580 for more information.

Location: Kennedy School
Days: Monday-Friday
Dates: Session 1: June 7 - June 25
Session 2: June 28 - July 16
Session 3: July 19 - August 6
Ages: 6-13 years

(Mini-camp ages 3-5 also available. Call Recreation Department for details.)

A one time only \$25 registration fee.

Time: 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Fee per 3 Week Session:
Early Discount \$280 Res./\$310 Non-Res.
Regular Fee \$300 Res./\$330 Non-Res.

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fee per 3 Week Session:
Early Discount \$220 Res./\$250 Non-Res.
Regular Fee \$240 Res./\$270 Non-Res.

Time: Noon.-3:00 p.m.
Fee per 3 Week Session:
Early Discount \$145 Res./\$175 Non-Res.
Regular Fee \$165 Res./\$195 Non-Res.

Time: Noon.-6:00 p.m.
Fee per 3 Week Session:
Early Discount \$170 Res./\$200 Non-Res.
Regular Fee \$190 Res./\$220 Non-Res.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION! The Village of Schiller Park values your opinion and offers this opportunity for residents and business people to communicate with your elected officials and the administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet. As a resident of Schiller Park, it is my opinion that...

Kindly check if you would like your name kept confidential. YES NO

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

(Responses cannot be provided if name and address are not given) **PLEASE RETURN TO: COMMUNICATOR - VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK - 9526 IRVING PARK ROAD - SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176**



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