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## MAYOR'S UPDATE

# THE FUTURE STARTS NOW!

**D**ear Residents,  
It has been an exciting time since I was sworn in as mayor of Schiller Park on May 14th. Although I feel I'm currently in my "conscious incompetent" stage, I feel I am

on my way to achieving the "conscious competent" stage of being Village President. I love a new challenge!

With the Village Board's approval (including new trustee Moses Diaz), we have made several changes in keeping with our vision to move Schiller Park in a new direction of economic growth, safety and new leadership. We have a new police chief, community development director, village attorney and village engineer. And I cannot forget my right hand person, Sandra Rosario, who is now my new assistant. Those calling the mayor's office will be greeted with a friendly and caring smile. She embodies the meaning of our new motto, "WE WORK FOR YOU!"

One of our top priorities with the village engineer will be flood control. With a new set of eyes on our problems, we are hopeful we will one day be flood free throughout our town. They will also be working on other projects and advising us as to where our village can improve.

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, the Village's annual audit will have been started by the new auditors. This audit is essential in making sure the village finances going forward are in order.

On the safety front, our new police chief is working to make sure our residents are kept safe and informed. You will soon see, if not already, the bike patrol back in existence on the streets. A welcome presence when summer activities bring more people out and about town. Chief Brezniak will also be looking into finding numerous grants to fund projects that will in turn protect our citizens and possibly bring in more revenue for the village. Look for more information as he settles into his new position.

Economic development is of course a high priority. Bringing in new business and keeping our established businesses in town is essential to Schiller Park's growth. This also helps our tax base which in turn keeps our property taxes low. We look forward to encouraging new restaurants, shops and ventures coming our way. Also, John Zalud will be working closely with the residents to ensure their home improvement projects move along in an expeditious manner attached with a smile and expert advice.

Speaking of property taxes, our property tax appeal seminar was a HUGE success! On our first night, we had over three hundred people attend looking for a chance to lower their taxes. Our next meeting is June 26th and if you cannot attend or missed the first one, you can come into the village hall and pick up an appeal application. Our staff will be happy to help you fill it out. Simply bring your tax bill with. Once the window opens for tax appeals for our township, we will be working to get every appeal completed and sent in for review. Our new village attorney, John Sullivan, is working diligently to find every dollar our residents are entitled to.

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I am hoping that you have already noticed a big difference in the aesthetics of our town in the form of cleaner streets, alleys and in front of businesses. We are encouraging homeowners also to take pride in their properties and village by keeping trimmed lawns and litter free streets. Not only does this help the overall look of our town, but keeps our property values high. It's all about curb appeal! We want people driving through saying, "When can I move here?" We are hoping in the future to have contests for the best landscaping. Also in that regard, we will soon be offering a senior grass-cutting program which will help those having difficulty keeping up with the lawn maintenance of their home due to a disability or medical condition.

The future is bright for Schiller Park and we have hit the ground running. We will be holding a 4th of July kid's parade (on a small scale) and a picnic, so look for details soon on our website and through flyers. And, our Centennial celebrations have not gone away, just simply pushed back a bit for reorganization. They will prove to be bigger, better and truly worthy of a 100th anniversary! Future town hall meetings will encourage everyone to get involved and contribute by volunteering or giving ideas for events.

I cannot tell you how much I look forward to serving the residents of our town for many years to come. Through solid and competent leadership, we will get Schiller Park on the cover of Forbes Magazine as one of the hundred best places to live in the country! With the involvement of our residents and capitalizing on Schiller Park's assets, we will become a gateway to the future and set the benchmark for other towns in our area.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Your neighbor, friend and mayor,

Barbara Piltaver

P.S. We are looking for a new name for the Village Communicator. Send us your suggestions or call my office and submit your ideas.

# MOVIES IN THE PARK

The Mayor and the Village Board are proud to be sponsoring another season of Movies in the Park this summer. The schedule is to show four (4) movies on Saturday evenings weather permitting. All movies will start at dusk. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. The Village hopes many residents are able to come and enjoy these free events.

## JULY 27

Surf's Up  
"Float & Flick" at the Water Park  
This year with live music 1.5 hours before the movie starts.

## AUGUST 24

Twilight: Breaking Dawn – Part 2  
at Stalica Park

## SEPTEMBER 14

Wreck It Ralph  
at Kennedy Park

# 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. 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. The following is the updated schedule for this summer:

### FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Scraps of Brass (60's & 70's)

### FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2013

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013 (AT THE WATER PARK)

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Kent Arnsberger, Steel Drum  
Caribbean One Man Band

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2013

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Deep Blue Big Band (Big Band)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Kaleidoscope Eyes (Beatles)

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# COMMUNITY TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER WARNING SIREN

The Village has three outdoor warning sirens located at the Village Municipal Building on Irving Park Road, on Scott Street at Kennedy Park and on Lawrence Avenue at Washington School. These sirens are an outdoor warning system designed only to alert those who are outside that something dangerous is approaching. Though many may be able to hear the siren inside they are not designed for indoor warning. For alerts indoors, every home and business should consider a NOAA Weather Radio. A NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector for severe weather, and it can wake you up when a warning is issued for your area so you can take appropriate action. As a storm approaches local new media is also a good alternative to the weather radio and for those with "smart phones" new technology provides severe weather alerts directly to your

phone based upon the geographic location of the phone.

Sirens are activated by 911 telecommunicators when a tornado warning has been issued for the Schiller Park area, when a tornado has been sighted in the immediate area or when a tornado has been sighted in a distant area but is moving in the direction of Schiller Park. Since early warning is crucial it is best to error on the side of caution and sirens may be activated when conditions exist that may be conducive to tornadic activity or when other dangerous weather conditions exist or are determined to be imminent. If schools are in session they will be called and notified of the dangerous condition.

When the sirens are heard, go inside, take shelter and tune to local media to get more information.

On the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM, the Village's emergency warning sirens are tested. If you hear a loud siren the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM, this siren is a test to exercise the warning system. A warning siren at any other time is designed to warn residents of an emergency. Watch future issues of this newsletter, or visit the Village web site for information about disaster preparedness, or call the Fire Director at 671-8545.

## FROM THE BUILDING OFFICIAL: SUMMER PROPERTY TIPS

The warmer weather will bring many new projects for all of us around the house. This is a time to clean gutters so that they do not overflow and leak into basements. Downspouts should not be aimed at neighboring properties. Also, if your home has a crawl space, this is a good time to make sure the vents are open for air circulation and to reduce

moisture. With all of the rain so far this year, lawns are growing faster than previously. Village Ordinance requires grass to be no more than 6 inches in length. If your lawn is getting close, you may receive a pink door hanger. This is not a ticket, but a friendly reminder. There are a number of vacant properties in town. We are trying to stay on top of them. If you notice the grass hasn't been cut, please notify us at the Community Development Dept. at (847) 671- 8555. Also, if the grass in the rear yard is long, we need to be notified, as this is not always visible from the street.

Many property owners are considering building improvements this time of year. The reason a building permit is required is to protect building occupants, neighbors, future buyers and anybody that enters the building. Inspection(s) are included with each permit to communicate the acceptability

of the construction work.

The building department requires a building permit for many projects around the house, roofs, siding, patio and sheds to name a few. A permit is not required for cosmetic work, such as painting and decorating, ceramic tile, if you are not sure if you need a permit, call the Building Department at 847-671-8555 to inquire. Either the homeowner or contractor can make an application for a permit. Permits can be attained by coming into 4501 25th Avenue from 9-5 pm, Monday to Friday. Bring a plat of survey and a drawing representing the construction work that is proposed. If a permit is not secured when required, a fine of double the permit cost will be assessed. June through September is the busiest time at the building department. If you apply early, your wait times may be reduced. We hope your summer projects go well, and don't forget - build safely.

# COLLECTION REMINDERS FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT GROOT

Every Friday, Groot Recycling and Waste Service collects the garbage, recycling and yard waste materials from the single, two, and three family homes in the Village of Schiller Park. When garbage collections began with Groot in 1954, the program was simple with collection of only solid waste and ashes from resident's incinerator boxes. Yes, residents were permitted to burn their own refuse and Groot provided the collection over 50 years ago. Collection programs have evolved over the years with the current theme to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle". The Groot Green collection program encourages less waste to be delivered to area landfills and the recycling of more materials. Schiller Park has embraced recycling with the delivery of 65 gallon carts for recycling in 2005. Here are some weekly collection guidelines to remember:

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

- Each single family household must use a Groot issued refuse and recycling cart.
- Carts must be set out Thursday evening or by 6:00 am on Friday.
- Carts must be kept 4 feet apart to assist your collector in automated collection.
- Carts should be placed handle toward home and away from street or alley.
- Garbage outside of the cart must be properly bagged or bundled.
- Recycling materials may be placed together as a single stream in the recycling cart.
- Call Schiller Park Public Works for cart repair or replacement.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- Groot encourages all yard waste to be placed in biodegradable "Kraft" bags.
- Yard waste placed in containers must not exceed 32 gallons and must have a yard waste bumper sticker on the lid and container and must be visible to the yard waste collector.
- Stickers identifying yard waste containers are available for free at the Village Hall.
- Branches must be bundled with twine and must not exceed 4 feet in length.

Schiller Park residents may go to [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com) to learn more about your collection program and watch videos on how your recycling material is processed and shipped to local and overseas markets for reuse. Groot representatives are also available to answer your questions at 800-244-1977.



# FARMERS' MARKET RETURNS THIS JUNE

## UPDATE - NEW LOCATION!

The Village of Schiller Park is pleased to announce that the Village Farmer' Market is returning starting this month! The Market will once

again be held every Tuesday from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM starting June 25th and will last through September 24th. This year the Market will be at a new location in the Rog's Restaurant

parking lot at 4255 Old River Road and will once again feature a variety of fresh food and other goods. Please come out and enjoy this fun activity!

# HOTEL AND MOTEL SAFETY

Vacation travels make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in an emergency as it is in your own home.

## FACTS:

- On average, one of every 12 hotels or motels reported a structure fire each year.
- The majority of hotel fire deaths result from fires that started in the bedroom.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of hotel/motel fires.

## SAFETY TIPS:

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit.
- Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- Never use elevators during a fire. Use the stairs.
- In case of a fire, feel the door. If the door is hot, do not open it. Open it slowly and be prepared to close it quickly if smoke enters the room.
- If your room door is hot to the touch or the hall is full of smoke, remain in the room. Use the phone to call for help. Open your window (do not break the glass) and yell out the window and wave a sheet, towel or pillow case to signal for help. If smoke or flames are rising outside, close the window.
- Place wet towels or sheets around the doorways, vents and any place else that smoke can enter the room. Fill bathtub with water and use it for soaking the towels and sheets.
- Make sure you turn off fans, air-conditioning and heating units.

# GRILLING SAFETY

There is nothing like outdoor grilling. It is one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Last year gas and charcoal grills caused 3,400 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires.

## FACTS:

- More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio or an exterior balcony or open porch.
- Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

## SAFETY TIPS:

- Propane and BBQ grills should be used outdoors.
- Before using the grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

- Never leave the grill unattended.
- Do not wear loose clothing near the grill.
- Never grill indoors as carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Comply with any apartment or condominium complex rules for grills on balconies.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspapers.
- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal lighter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Never use gasoline to start charcoal grills.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

# NEW POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED

I cannot begin to say how excited and honored I am to serve as your newly appointed Chief of Police. I assume the responsibility of ensuring that our community has the best law enforcement and public service possible.

Fortunately for me, I work with a staff of dedicated sworn police officers that are truly committed to serving the community. We will strive to connect with the citizens by listening to their concerns and problems while taking a proactive approach to reduce crime and improve service. Our department is dedicated to community participation and I believe this is the key to reducing crime.

As your Chief, I am confident you will find me to be a decisive leader and motivating team builder. I have over 30 years of progressive law enforcement experience and knowledge, which will translate to establishing short term and long-term goals through a collaborative team effort.

I encourage you to contact me directly or any member of our police department if we can be of any service to you.

Very Truly Yours,

Anthony C. Brzezniak, Chief of Police



# NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR APPOINTED

In keeping with the focus of bringing new businesses to Schiller Park along with building solid relationships with our current businesses, I am honored to be appointed by the Village, your new Community Development Director.

I am already busy meeting personally with businesses in town and talking with developers to bring the needed economic growth that will move Schiller Park towards Mayor Barbara Piltaver's goal of being one of the best places to live in America!

My department will have a new motto, going along with the new Village motto, of, "We Work For You." Customer Service will be a number one priority and we look forward to helping the residents improve and maintain their properties.

Should you have any questions for me, feel free to call me at 847-671-8558. My staff and I will be happy to serve you.

Thank you,

John R. Zalud

# SCHILLER PARK POLICE FOP LODGE 170 9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**FRIDAY AUGUST 16**

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

Registration	10:30AM
Lunch	11:00AM
Ball Drop	11:45AM
Shotgun Start	12:00PM

Golf, Dinner and Open Bar:	\$125 per golfer \$150 at the door
Dinner Only:	\$40 per guest
Hole Sponsorship:	\$150 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
- Helicopter Ball Drop

### MAKE A WISH "BETTING HOLE"

Winner need not be present for Helicopter Ball Drop.

If you cannot attend our outing, donations are always accepted and appreciated. All monies raised from the outing will benefit local charities. Please contact the FOP members below for more information.

- Frank DeSimone ..... 847-489-9536
- Brian Norris ..... 847-208-8922
- William Martin..... 847-812-7875
- Frank Stoffel ..... 847-800-7601

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish Illinois.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### PEOPLE OF SCHILLER PARK

Director of Parks and Recreation, John Bealer recently received an email with this title in the subject line. The email explains that Suzanne Chmura had brought a great niece and nephew to the Stalica Park to play. Unfortunately she tripped and fell hitting her face and breaking her glasses. A mother of two children at the park brought her tissue to help stop the bleeding while a father who was there with his son, helped Suzanne get up and also helped bring her nephew to her. Another mother brought her napkins when the bleeding refused to stop.

"It seemed like the entire park of people were helping me" said Chmura. She is fine and said she will always remember the park full of great people who live in Schiller Park. In addition she added that the

park is beautiful and she loves what is being done with our public spaces.

Director Bealer commented that he was not surprised at the response as he has always found our residents to be very helpful.

### AMERICORP COMES TO SCHILLER PARK

A group of volunteers from AmeriCorp recently visited Schiller Park and spent 3 days cleaning garbage and debris from the wooded area next to the dog park. Each day 10 to 12 young people showed up to collect garbage. John Bealer, Director of Parks and Recreation, was amazed at the amount of debris that was collected stating that these young people had a lot of energy and enthusiasm while cleaning up this wooded area.

### DAY CAMP AND SWIM LESSONS

Information regarding current sessions of swim lessons and day camp are available by calling the Recreation Center at (847) 671-8580 or online at [www.villageofschillerpark.com](http://www.villageofschillerpark.com).

# FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

### SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It may be with all the research and interviews we have been involved with in these past months as we assemble information for the Centennial History Book that we have become introspective.

When we officially became a Historical Society in 1990 we had no idea how far we would be able to venture. The charter members George Sieracki, Lorraine Bronoski, LaVerne Stevens,

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Morris Granum, Mary Ellen Naedelen, Eleanor Schulmeister, Ellen Mann, and June Oulund were like "babes in the woods" in this challenging undertaking. None of us were well versed in the protocol of establishing a historical archive but we were excited about the prospect.

We were given space in the lower level of the Library, where we still are today. We are grateful for the support and cooperation of the Library staff through the years.

Many others have joined us in the pursuit of our town's history. Ruby Bria, Max Wydra, Rich Stevens, Lorraine Trzaska, Anna Henn, Jim and Debbie Laudermith, just to name a few. Together we learned "on the job".

During these years besides learning to sort, preserve, and catalogue, we have published three books about Schiller Park, have presented its history to school children, given tours of Eden Cemetery and most recently a trolley tour.

Today our facility has run out of room. We hope for a day, soon, to be able to

find a place large enough to house all the archival information and to display our many interesting artifacts.

As the Village prepares to celebrate its 100 Anniversary next year, we look to our residents to take an active part in all the wonderful events and truly make this occasion a "family affair".

**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...

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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: NEW NEWSLETTER NAME NEEDED - VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK - 9526 IRVING PARK ROAD - SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176**



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