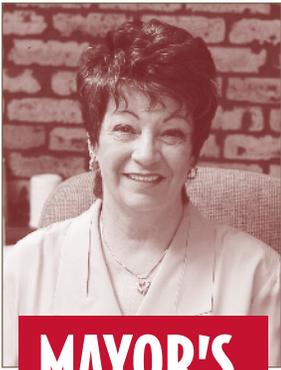


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MAYOR'S UPDATE

SNOW STORMS, SHOPPING CENTERS, GENERATOR GRANTS, AND HELPING HANDS

Lately it has been quite a busy time here in Schiller Park. So busy in fact that I have chosen four (4) major developments to talk about in this message.

First of all, I want to talk briefly about the major snow storm we all dealt with in early February. It

was perhaps the worst storm the Chicago area has seen in 40 years. I am proud to say that the Village was prepared for the storm and handled the challenge well. Our employees worked hard to provide services and to keep the streets clear, while our residents banded together to help each other. More details about the Village response to the storm can be found inside this newsletter but I am happy to report that the Village was successful in battling the storm.

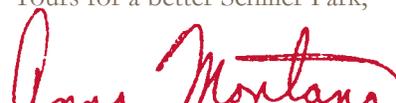
Second, I want to talk about some good economic development news for our community. The owner of the Schiller Park Commons shopping center at the intersection of Irving Park Road and Old River Road is making a major investment in our community by redeveloping the center. The plan is for a new Chase Bank in the parking lot and a brand new and larger Aldi's in the space where the Chase Bank is now located. This is great news for the community as it shows that despite the tough economic times, business leaders are still investing in our town. Also new and existing businesses continue to locate here and invest in our industrial and commercial properties. Details on this can be found later in this newsletter in the article "Around Town."

Next, I want to report on a new program that the Village has started just this year to help residents. As all of you are aware, the Village has experienced both flooding and power outages in the past few years and the Village has been seeking another way, beyond the already existing check valve grant program, to assist residents dealing with these problems. Therefore the Village has launched a new program to provide a grant of up to \$250 to help residents purchase a generator (portable or permanent) to power a sump pump or other important devices during a power outage. More details about this helpful new program can also be found later in this newsletter.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I want to discuss another new initiative that the Village is starting this year. The idea is to provide an option for elderly or disabled residents to get help with common household chores that they are unable to handle on their own. To that end the Village has created "Schiller Park Helping Hands" and is now soliciting community minded people to sign up to help seniors in our community. Those signing up would be put on a list of people that seniors can contact to get help when they need it. The sign up form for this program, which contains further details, can be found as an insert in this newsletter.

I hope you and your family are well and have survived this tough winter, and if you're like me you probably can't wait for spring!

Yours for a better Schiller Park,



Anna Montana, Mayor

GENERATOR GRANT PROGRAM

This is a new grant program offered by the Village that is designed to assist single family, two-flat, and three-flat homeowners in taking additional steps to protect their homes from basement flooding due to sewer backups and floodwaters. To that end the Village has approved funding beginning January 1, 2011 for grants to residents to help defray the costs of purchasing a generator for their home to power a sump pump, or other device(s), during a power outage.

The program details are as follows:

- The Village will provide a grant of 50% of the cost incurred up to a maximum amount of \$250.00;
- The grant is only available to single family, two-flat, and three-flat homes that are owner occupied;
- The grant is available to a particular address only one time;
- The homeowner must present the original paid receipt showing the total cost of the generator purchased to obtain reimbursement from the grant fund;
- The homeowner must absolve the Village of any liability relating to the generator or the program;
- The homeowner must submit a completed and signed program application form;
- Funds for this program will only be available to the extent they are budgeted by the Village.

In order to participate in the grant program the homeowner must submit a completed and signed application (copies of the grant application can be obtained on the Village website, or at the Village Hall or Community Development Department) and all necessary paperwork (original receipt and proof of residency) to the Village at:

Generator Grant Program
9526 W. Irving Park Rd.
Schiller Park, IL 60176

Please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about the grant program.

VILLAGE BATTLES MAJOR BLIZZARD

As everyone in Schiller Park can no doubt recall, the Village, along with the entire Chicago region, was hit with a major blizzard of record setting proportions in early February of 2011. This storm, one of the worst to hit this area in 40 years, dropped more than 20 inches of snow in the Village and caused tremendous disruption throughout the community.

The Village was prepared for the storm due to timely weather warnings from the National Weather Service and was able to provide emergency services during even the worst of the storm. Four wheel drive vehicles were rented to supplement those already in the Village fleet and plowing operations were geared up in advance to ensure crews could effectively plow even while snow drifts were piling up throughout town. Additional manpower was also on hand to help meet the expected need. With the help of these preparations both the Police and Fire Departments were able to meet the needs for emergency services during the disaster despite very difficult conditions.

The Village Hall was open and staffed for helping residents during the storm and Village employees were brought in using the four wheel drive vehicles to ensure phones were answered. Public Works staff in particular worked throughout the night of the storm and into the next day to keep the streets passable

and try to get the roads back to being clear as soon as possible. In the days following the storm the Village called in additional support to open alleys, clear parking lots, and more fully open important streets. Major roadways such as Irving Park Road, Lawrence Avenue, and River Road, the responsibility of the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”), lagged behind Village streets but were at least passable during the days after the storm.

Most impressively the aftermath of the storm saw some remarkable instances of cooperation between residents as they worked to open driveways and parking areas. The Village was heartened by these efforts and believes they showed the best the Schiller Park community has to offer. Neighbors banding together with Village employees to get the job done under difficult circumstances was a wonderful thing and the Village hopes that spirit will be seen again if needed in the future.

Finally, you will be happy to hear that the Village is participating in a county wide effort to have this horrible storm be declared an official disaster, so that Federal reimbursement of most of the costs we incurred in responding to the storm can be recovered. This will hopefully result in a large check being written to the Village to substantially reduce the financial impact of this storm on the Village budget.

VILLAGE NOW OFFERING ONLINE WATER BILL PAYMENTS

The Village of Schiller Park is pleased to announce that the Village Board recently approved a contract with Third Millennium Associates to provide for online payment of water bills. This new service is scheduled to be available for the first time for the March 2011 water bills. This new service is in addition to the direct debit (from a checking account) option that is already available to water customers.

The Village already has plans to expand the new online bill payment program in the future. When these improvements are made it is anticipated that residents will be able to pay parking tickets and register for Parks and Recreation programs online. The Village is pleased to be able to offer increased convenience and choices to customers seeking to pay their water bills.

UPCOMING VILLAGE PROJECTS

SEWER SYSTEM REPAIRS:

This spring, if you live in the area south of Irving Park Road and west of 25th Avenue, you may see crews out doing some repairs to the sanitary sewers. This is part of a continuing Village effort to do cleaning and preventative maintenance on the sanitary and storm sewer systems throughout the community to ensure our sewer system is operating as close to peak efficiency as possible. These repairs follow a cleaning and televising of the sewers in the area last year. This ongoing program has already resulted in cleaning and repairs in other sections of town, and will tackle the remaining areas in the coming years.

CRYSTAL CREEK PROJECT UPDATE

Progress has continued on the project. The Irving Park Road, Wehrman Avenue, Hirschberg and Scott Street culverts have been installed. As a result, storm water is already able to flow through these structures more freely. In the past, these were choke points that often impeded the flow of storm water through the area. Several of the pedestrian bridges have also been installed.

The contractor has continued to work through the winter, when weather conditions have allowed. Work is proceeding on the concrete blocks that make up the new walls of the creek. This application can be seen clearly at the Wehrman Avenue crossing. These blocks will be installed at most parts of the creek. This construction model will allow for greater flow of storm water and reduce the chance of erosion. Work will proceed at a more regular pace as spring approaches.

The Village will continue to provide updates on this website as further progress is made. Amongst other things we will work with the contractor and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR – the state agency in charge of the project) to open up roadways as soon as possible. We intend to keep them closed, however, as long as it serves to speed up the construction process. In any case, the contractor is required to complete the project by end of December 2011.

As always, we appreciate the patience and understanding shown by our residents as this long and often messy project continues. If you have further questions regarding this project please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

SEYMOUR AVENUE SIDEWALK:

In the early summer people living in the area south of Irving Park Road and east of the railroad tracks will be getting a new sidewalk on the north side of Seymour Avenue from Wesley Terrace to Bobby Lane. This project is being paid for with Community Development Block Grant Funds (“CDBG”) from the federal government, a program that the Village has been participating in for several years. Among the projects the Village has undertaken with these funds in recent years have been the new Irving Park Road and Lawrence Avenue viaduct handrails. The Village is happy to be able to construct these kinds of improvements with federal grant money each year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

VILLAGE & RESIDENT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The recent snow storm makes us all aware of how vulnerable we all are to acts of nature, which in severe cases can confine us to our homes for periods as long as several days. The purpose of this article is to let you know what the Village is doing during times of emergency and what you can do to make these times less challenging and stressful for you. The Village uses an all-hazards approach to emergency management so this article is not just about a response to a snow emergency, but about any emergency the Village may encounter.

During times of emergency the Village moves into its emergency operations plan. All department heads and key staff personnel assemble at the Village Hall (the Emergency Operation Center) to coordinate their emergency operations. By operating under a “unified command” all resources are coordinated and the response is prioritized. Information is received from police, fire and public works personnel on the street, and emergency and non-emergency phone calls are reviewed to determine the magnitude and areas affected. From the Emergency Operation Center a response plan is developed,

implemented, and passed along to responders. If there is a need to get a message to the public the “Reverse 911” telephone communication system can send out a message to all residents and businesses and the electronic sign boards throughout the Village (Village-owned and private) can be used to transmit emergency messages as well. All phone calls are logged and the response prioritized. Once life-threatening service requests are handled, Village staff responds to the remaining service calls. As you can imagine, the call volume can be overwhelming and your patience is requested.

During times of emergency there are things you can do to minimize disruption to your normal activities and to provide more control of your situation. It is suggested that each home and apartment have an emergency supply kit. This doesn't have to be some store bought, freeze dried meal equipped kit, but it should be something to keep you safe, hydrated and fed for 72 hours. That is the estimated time from the onset of disaster to the time major assistance could be in place. While the village emergency services are there to assist in time of need, they cannot stockpile enough supplies to outfit an entire community.

The following supplies should be kept in a closet or storage area and should not be used for routine daily use. (Remember, the emergency radio will not be useful if its batteries were taken out to use in the Gameboy six months earlier):

- A) A battery powered radio and flashlight along with extra batteries for each.
- B) Bottled drinking water – 3 gallons per person in your household. (One gallon per person per day for a 3 day period is the minimum recommended amount)
- C) As much drinkable liquid (fruit & vegetable juice, soft drinks) as can be carried. (Alcoholic beverages are not recommended as they can impair judgment and can actually increase thirst)
- D) Canned or sealed package food that does not require cooking. Don't forget a manual can opener! Boxed cereal is nutritious and can be eaten dry. Canned fruits and vegetables are okay. Don't store something you wouldn't want to eat without heating or mixing with water.
- E) A small first-aid kit and manual.

- F) A blanket or sleeping bag for each member of the household. Remember, power outages often affect the furnace and they can happen in the dead of winter.

Water and foodstuffs should be rotated before they expire. A good rule is when you change your clocks, replace the items and then use the older products. If they are not expired, they are still usable.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REQUEST AN AMBULANCE?

When a resident or visitor to the community has a medical emergency, 9-1-1 is called. What happens next will be in large part determined by the type of emergency. The ambulance will be sent to the scene of the emergency, typically arriving in less than 4 minutes. An “ALS response” fire med-engine will be sent as well. A team of between 3 to 5 paramedics will then treat the patient.

A lot of things will be happening in a very short period of time. The patient will receive a medical exam and treatments will be initiated. Family members may be asked about past medical histories and current medications, if the patient is unable to provide those answers. Advanced diagnostic monitoring of heart and respiratory activity will be

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done at the patient's side. The paramedics have the ability to obtain 12-lead electrocardiograms and monitor the oxygen and carbon dioxide levels in the blood. This is critical in some cases, as it can help differentiate conditions and guide the treatment. Most of what the paramedics do at the scene will be the same treatments and procedures that are done in the emergency department of the hospital, so there is no reason to delay providing interventions. The paramedics operate under standardized medical orders and will communicate with specialized doctors and nurses in order to receive further direction.

In some cases the paramedics will be preparing the patient for transport in just a few minutes (our "time sensitive" patients), while the paramedics may spend considerable time on the scene with others. While certain patients can only receive their interventions in specialty centers, in many cases, it is beneficial to the patient's long-term outcome to treat the condition before going to the hospital. In the case of cardiac arrest, the entire resuscitation effort will take place where the patient is found. Over the years, studies have shown that if the paramedics cannot restore spontaneous circulation (pulse and blood pressure) to the patient, the patient has no chance of

being brought back to long-term life. The paramedics will not drive a patient to the hospital while they are still in cardiac arrest, except for very limited circumstances, such as a cardiac arrest caused by trauma, or certain other conditions.

The determination of where the patient goes involves several factors. The biggest factor in the determination is the findings of the paramedics. By law, the paramedics must transport a patient to the closest "appropriate" hospital, unless there are certain limited circumstances. In the instances where a stroke (also called a brain attack) is suspected, the patient will be brought to a stroke intervention specialty hospital, where it is possible for neurosurgeons to completely reverse the effects of the stroke. In the case of a heart attack, the patient will likely go to a cardiac care specialty hospital, where interventions can help prevent permanent damage. When a patient has a traumatic injury, that meets certain criteria, they will be brought to a level one or level two-trauma center (which level is determined by the type of injury). Many other patient medical conditions can be transported to the geographically closest hospital. One thing also taken into consideration will be the wishes of the patient. Many people still believe they must go to the hospital where their

doctor is affiliated, or else their medical records may not be available, or "their" doctor will be unable to treat them. This is not true. The "family doctor" will not be treating the patient in the emergency room. It just doesn't happen. A physician, board certified in emergency medicine, provides that care. Records are obtained electronically, in many cases, especially with hospital mergers and consolidation.

So while the paramedics will attempt to comply with the wishes of the resident (or family members when the patient cannot speak), the paramedics must make the final choice. If a patient refuses to accept that decision, an "informed refusal of service or transport" will be obtained. This means the risks and benefits are explained and the patient understands they could suffer a worsening of their condition, up to and including death, by refusing the recommendation of the paramedics. Hopefully, this is not necessary and the patient will be brought to where the best level of care can be provided. The paramedics will always operate in the best interests of the patient.

So what can you do ahead of time? Have medical information available. If the patient has been treated for conditions in the past, write it down. What medicine does the patient take? Too often, there is a seven-day pill box, filled with multiple

drugs. The patient cannot remember the names and the original containers are stored somewhere else in the house. Many times it is impossible to quickly identify a drug without the original bottle. There are thousands of medications, especially with generics. So write the names of the medications down on the same paper as the medical history and keep it where it is quickly available, such as stuck on the refrigerator door, or with the pillbox. Please have information about the patient available, such as name, date of birth and so on. Obtaining that information early will allow for better access of medical records at the hospital.

If you have any questions or concerns ahead of time, please feel free to contact the fire department's EMS Coordinator at 847-671-8542.

CAN WE CONTACT YOU?

For the past several years the Village has been using a notification system from Connect-CTY that is capable of calling designated phone numbers to deliver an emergency or informational message. These kinds of systems are commonly referred to as "Reverse 911" systems. You should have received phone calls from this system during the recent snow emergency.

This phone system is capable of contacting all phone numbers within a designated area, or all phones within

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AROUND TOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO SCHILLER COMMONS

Schiller Commons at Irving Park Road and Old River Road is planning a renovation complete with new construction.

Chase Bank will build a new stand-alone building with a drivethru in what is now the parking lot at the northeast corner of Irving and Old River Road. The Old River Road part of the mall, where Chase is now, will be demolished and rebuilt as a larger new Aldi. Shoppers and merchants within the mall will enjoy new landscaping and parking lot improvements.

Both Chase's and Aldi's corporate headquarters expressed their longterm commitment to their Schiller Park locations at the Zoning & Planning Board presentation. This renovation offers an improved and updated shopping experience after some 'pardon our dust' construction.

SCHILLER PARK FEATURED BUSINESS- NEW CENTRAL MERCHANDISING, INC. AT 3759 WILLOW STREET

is a national wholesale distributor of supermarket and food service equipment and supplies. Basically, if one takes all the food out of a grocery store, everything left in the store is what CMI sells: shelving, display fixtures, material handling equipment, signage and on and on. Founded in 1993 by Rick Netzel and Jonathan Pizer, CMI started in Pizer's townhouse in Chicago with 3 employees and has now grown to the 36,000 square foot facility it owns in Schiller Park. CMI's main customers are Whole Foods Market, Roundy's (which operates Pick'n Save, Copps and Rainbow Foods Stores), HEB, Stop & Shop and Earthfare. If you're opening a grocery store, bakery or food service establishment, or need any new or used equipment these types of companies need (CMI is one

of the largest sellers of wire shelving in the country), Central Merchandising is your local source. Visit www.centralmerchandising.com.

SCHILLER PARK WELCOMES TMC - TRANSWORLD MERCHANDISE CENTER AT 9555 FOSTER AVENUE

Schiller Park has gained a unique company. TMC opened its door in January of this year, having bought the landmark Square D manufacturing facility. TMC spent a year completely customizing the building to serve its 80 clients. Perhaps the only company of its kind, TMC provides highly professional storage pods to largely out of state distributors who, in turn, keep samples of thousands of products. Wholesale buyers representing the discount retail sector then make appointments with TMC clients flying into O'Hare from all over the country, Canada, Mexico and beyond. Orders for products are taken at the pods, but the products actually

ship from the separate and independent warehouses maintained by TMC clients throughout the country.

TMC enjoys its new proximity to one of the world's great airports, and all the hotels, restaurants and other traveler services abundant to the Schiller Park neighborhood. With its location, its design, and its best of class family of tenants, there is no resource for retailers like it in America or, indeed, the world. One indicator: TMC is fully leased; the industry has voted 'Yes!'.

As a result, retail chains will be visiting Schiller Park all year long, staying in local hotels, hailing local taxis, eating in local restaurants and in other ways participating in the local economy. TMC clients will do the same since most are located outside Illinois. Exciting things are afoot at the old Square D building, and TMC is proud and happy to be one of the newest members of the Schiller Park business community. Visit www.twmerchcenter.com.

Welcome to Schiller Park, TMC!

KTR CAPITAL PARTNERS INVESTS IN SCHILLER PARK FACILITY RENOVATION

KTR Capital Partners recently renovated its 16 building, 800,000 square-foot O'Hare Business Park at the intersection of Mannheim and Irving Park Roads

The complex offers tenants diverse options ranging from under 5,000 square feet to over 100,000 square feet including loading docks and warehouse showroom spaces with frontage on Mannheim Road.

This comprehensive renovation dramatically improved the overall image of the park and perception of the tenants' location. Unified exterior elements, including consistent painting schemes, common signage, and upgraded architectural features were incorporated with parking lot resurfacing and enhanced landscaping improvements.

KTR Reports that by virtue of its functionality and location, O'Hare Business Park has performed well during this most recent downturn, but this was an opportunity to attract new tenants and retain existing ones. This update offers new and current tenants a class "A" park occupancy experience. This campus is an important part of the Schiller Park community which has seen significant new investment in recent years due to O'Hare Airport expansion and highway improvements".

KTR Capital Partners is a real estate private equity fund manager and operating company specializing in the industrial property sector. KTR is headquartered in New York City with offices in Philadelphia, Chicago, Miami and Los Angeles. www.ktrcapital.com.

AMERLINE ENTERPRISES CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS - LOOKS TO THE NEXT 30.

Founded in Thomas P. Krepelka's Cicero garage in 1980, Amerline Enterprises initial products were assembled connectors and components sold to companies producing wiring harnesses used on military vehicles such as trucks, tanks and jeeps.

In 1983 Amerline moved to a 2,500 square foot industrial space in Cicero for wire processing operations which included terminating and soldering the wire leads to

connectors.

Commercial contract manufacturing started in 1987, with Amerline producing wire harnesses for G.T.E. Airfone (now Verizon) telephones on commercial airplanes.

In February 2005 Amerline purchased a new 30,000 square foot building at 9509 Winona in Schiller Park. This provided capacity to supply Intervehicular NATO trailer cables for major military projects including Oshkosh Truck's M-ATV program. The pro-business environment of Schiller Park along with its proximity to a large industrial customer base has enhanced Amerline's ability to serve the local medical, communications, automotive and industrial equipment markets.

Amerline's 2011 focus is being an International supplier of MS Connectors, terminals and assemblies. New developments include the addition of rubber overmolding equipment and expansion of a sales network through agreements with connector distributors and manufactures representatives.

While Amerline continues to operate as a private family owned business, it acknowledges that continued success is the result of loyal, dedicated and goal-oriented personnel. Quality, Delivery and Service are

the keys to Amerline's long term success. Amerline's motto is "Your Quality Partner," www.amerline.com.

INCOME TAX TIME

We all know that federal and state income tax returns are due on April 15th. But did you know that the west suburban IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center is located here in Schiller Park at 5100 River Road? The center provides all services the IRS offers. You can make an appointment within five days, sometimes they can take you the same day. Hours are Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The local phone number is (847) 671-7541.

COOK COUNTY ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Cook County has a grant for assessing potential energy efficiency at businesses and industries in the county. The evaluation is FREE – covered under federal block grant funding. Delta Institute will evaluate commercial and industrial buildings and processes for energy efficiencies that could save your business thousands of dollars. The program is expiring in June and it is unknown if Congress will extend it, so look into it soon. www.delta-institute.org/cookefficiency

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NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

Advocate Tax Relief 9950 Lawrence #302	Network PhD 5100 Pearl
Boston Coach 3733 25th Avenue	Nick & Frank D'Amato Bakery 9416 Irving Park Rd
El Salitre Restaurant 9284 Irving Park Rd	O'Hare Transit System 4661 25th Avenue
Elexos Corp. 9950 Lawrence Ave #204	Phoenix Manufacturing 10524 United Parkway
Fong's 9298 Irving Park Rd	Stateside Towing & Recovery 4309 Transworld
Gadget Salvation 4849 Scott St #111	TMC 9555 Foster
Galaxy Tool 5035 River Rd.	Tuscanos 4926 River Rd.
Medtronic Sofamor Dane 3725 25th Avenue	Villa Construction 3850 25th Ave Suite C
Midland Insurance Services 3918 25th Avenue	VTI Technologies 9201 Irving Park Rd

Please patronize Schiller Park businesses!

FROM THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

SCHILLER PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It may not seem possible to you, but in three years this village will be 100 years old. On March 26, 1914 we became Schiller Park. Before, it had been known as the community of Kolze due to the entrepreneurship of businessman William Kolze.

The Historical Society is preparing for that auspicious occasion. We are viewed as recorders of yesteryear, but in order

to complete the history we need to look ahead.

For this we need your help. We need photos, posters, flyers, letters, especially from the years 1950 to the present. We are ready to interview you for tales of your personal experiences. Did you move into town between the years of 1945-1965 when Eden Manor was being built. When the farmhouses on Ruby gave way to apartments? Or how about when the expanding and annexing of Fairview and Frogtown was occurring?

Beginning with the Victorian High Tea in March and the Old Radio Shows program on April 30th the Society is

planning “yesteryear” events between now and the centennial year. Would you like to take a Historical Bus Tour of Schiller Park similar to the one we take 3rd and 4th graders on? Or a walking tour of Robinson Woods, an important part of our town’s history?

If you are interested please call us at 847-671-8513, e-mail us at sphometownnews@yahoo.com, or better yet, come visit us at the History Room, 4200 Old River Road on any Monday before noon, or on the second Saturday of the month from 9 AM - Noon. Be a part of the Centennial Celebration.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

STALICA PARK RENOVATION CONTINUES

The Recreation Department is finishing the second phase of construction and renovation of Stalica Park. Phase II consists of replacing the Ages 2-5 play equipment and swings, improving the landscaping, adding an ornamental fence and repairing a retaining wall. The previous play equipment was about 15 years old and in need of replacement. The new play equipment was designed and installed to meet all current safety and accessibility guidelines. The fencing was added to create a safety barrier between the playground and the parking lot.

Phase I renovation included improving ballfield drainage and adding sod to the infield. Planning for Phase III includes replacing the Ages 5-12 play equipment, resurfacing the basketball area and some additional landscape improvements.

For additional information on this park or others within the Village, please contact John Bealer (Director of Parks and Recreation) at jbealer@villageofschillerpark.com or by calling (847) 671-8580.



STALICA PARK RENOVATION

2011 SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration has begun for the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. The camp will be held at Kennedy School. We run three (3) week sessions throughout the summer. We accept children from ages 5 - 13 years old in the Big Camp and ages 2½ - 5 in the Mini camp. The kids visit various sites including the Anna Montana Water Park/ Memorial Pool, the surrounding parks, The Schiller Park Recreation Center, etc... We schedule one off site field trip for every session such as Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo, or bowling. We also do on site events such

as Hawaiian Day and Pajama Day. The children will do arts & crafts, have picnics and enjoy a special visit from the Schiller Park Fire Department for a fun “Water Day”. These are just some examples of what your child will enjoy if they participate in the Schiller Park Recreation Department Summer Day Camp. For additional information please call (847) 671-8580.

VILLAGE STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM RESUMES IN LATE MARCH

Starting on March 28, 2011 the Village resumes its street sweeping program. This is the second year of the new program with the change being made last year to save money (an estimated \$73,500 last year alone) during these difficult economic times, minimize the parking restrictions, and increase the reliability of the service. The work is now done by a private contractor, Hoving Clean Sweep, which submitted the lowest bid in a competitive bidding process last spring that was organized by the Village.

The old program involved sweeping the entire town each week by covering a different section on each of five (5) weekdays per week (Monday through Friday). The new schedule streamlined this process by providing for street sweeping on only two (2) days per week instead of the old five (5). The new two (2) day schedule provides for sweeping the even numbered addresses side of each street on Monday and odd numbered addresses side on Tuesdays. The

various Village parking lots and alleys will be swept on Wednesdays. Additionally a sweep of town is done only two (2) times per month (the 2nd and 4th Monday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, April through November), with an additional winter cleanup sweep scheduled for the last week in March. In other words, if your home has an even numbered address the edge of the street directly in front of your home will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and the opposite side of your street will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Finally the sweeping hours will be expanded to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM instead of the current 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

All of this means that there are parking restrictions on Village streets only during the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month and only on Mondays and Tuesdays during those weeks. The schedule showing the sweeping dates for this coming season is shown at the right.

As noted above the sweeping is now done

by a private contractor which performs similar street sweeping work for a number of communities and did so successfully for the Village last year. While there were some initial difficulties and problems, these were corrected thanks to the efforts of the Village, the contractor, and some alert residents. Since Hoving Clean Sweep has a number of sweepers available it was able to eliminate the delays and missed sweeps the Village experienced in the last years of the old program due to mechanical difficulties with the Village sweeper. This has resulted in the increased reliability of the sweeping service.

The Village is happy to report that these changes have saved money, streamlined the sweeping schedule, improved the reliability of the service, and significantly reduced the number of days with parking restrictions. Please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550 if you have any questions about these changes.

WEEKS WITH SWEEPING

MONDAY & TUESDAY

- Sweep 1: March 28-29
- Sweep 2: April 11-12
- Sweep 3: April 25-26
- Sweep 4: May 9-10
- Sweep 5: May 23-24
- Sweep 6: June 13-14
- Sweep 7: June 27-28
- Sweep 8: July 11-12
- Sweep 9: July 25-26
- Sweep 10: August 8-9
- Sweep 11: August 22-23
- Sweep 12: September 12-13
- Sweep 13: September 26-27
- Sweep 14: October 10-11
- Sweep 15: October 24-25
- Sweep 16: November 14-15
- Sweep 17: November 28-29

Even Numbered Addresses -
Monday

Odd Numbered Addresses -
Tuesday

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. The concession stand will be open. Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. The Village hopes many residents are able to come and enjoy this free event.

JUNE 11

Despicable Me

JULY 9

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part I

AUGUST 13

Megamind

SEPTEMBER 10

Twilight: Eclipse

COLLECTION PROCEDURES YARD WASTE & BRANCH PICK UP

If you're planning on doing some yard work this spring and summer you might want to brush up on the Village's processes for yard waste and branch collection. Since there are different rules and pickup days for yard waste and branches it is important to know and understand the specific rules for each program.

YARD WASTE:

This includes items like grass clippings, twigs, shrubbery, and dead plants or flowers. Collection is made by GROOT (our normal garbage hauler) on the normal pickup day of Friday – starting April 1st this year. You have two options for curbside (or alley) disposal of yard waste – (1) Utilize a 30 gallon or smaller generic, biodegradable, paper bag, or (2) Use a 35 gallon or less sized garbage can for landscape waste only (this must be marked with Village supplied stickers stating “landscape waste”). These stickers can be obtained at Village Hall and are free. This service is provided until November 26th.

BRANCH PICKUP:

This service is provided directly by the Village's Department of Public Works and is done on Mondays throughout the spring and summer – starting on March 28th this year. Please ensure your branches are out at the curb (or alley) prior to 7:00 AM on Monday morning. The Public Works crew will come by and “chip” the branches into woodchips. The chips are then used by Public Works in various projects in the Village. If you have questions about the branch pickup program or you are interested in getting some woodchips from the Village's stockpile please contact Joseph Meyers, Director of Public Works at (847) 671-8554.

If you have any questions about either the yard waste program or the branch pickup program please don't hesitate to contact the Village at (847) 678-2550.



2011 EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - 11:00 AM

Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at our annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23 beginning at 11:00 a.m. All boys and girls are invited to the Kennedy School field to hunt for eggs and goodies left by the Easter Bunny! Please bring a basket for all your goodies. Hunt times are as follows: **Toddler – 4 year olds 11:00 a.m. and 5-10 year olds 11:20 a.m.** This is a free event for all Schiller Park residents. Hope to see you there!

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the Village to deliver a pre-recorded message. The message may be an emergency evacuation request due to a chemical release, a notification of a pending water shutoff due to a main break (giving the resident time to prepare before the water is actually shut off), or possibly a request to help police find a missing child. According to Fire Director Tom Deegan, “We have found many uses for this system. It's another tool in our work to improve our homeland security efforts and to keep our residents informed of Village events.”

We want to make sure everyone know this system exists and that they are able to receive these recorded messages from the Village. While this system is used periodically for routine issues its most important use is for critical or emergency messages. If you would like to add additional phone numbers, or an e-mail address, for notification go to our web site, www.villageofschillerpark.com and click on the Connect-CTY link provided on the main page. If you have any questions about this notification system, or would like to verify the information we have on file feel free to contact the Fire Department Director at 671-8545 or via email at tdeegan@villageofschillerpark.com.

SCHILLER PARK POLICE REACH OUT TO HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN

On December 22, 2010, members of the Schiller Park Police (FOP Lodge 170) paid a visit to Lutheran General Hospital's children's ward. The purpose of the visit was to distribute toys and gift cards to the many deserving children, who would be spending Christmas away from home in the hospital. The visit was a coordinated effort between The Schiller Park Police Department and Linda Bensing, Coordinator for Child Life at Lutheran General Hospital.

Joining FOP President Officer Frank DeSimone on the visit to the hospital were Vice President Officer Michael Marrazzo, Sgt. Bill Strieby, Detective Tom Henn, Officer Brian Norris, and Officer Jim Klug.



When Officer DeSimone had the idea of donating the toys and gift cards to children stuck in the hospital at Christmastime, he spoke with Officer Norris whose wife Michelle works as a nurse at Lutheran General Hospital. Michelle then put Frank in touch with Linda Bensing and a partnership was formed. Linda informed Frank that Schiller Park would be the first Police Department to perform such an act and said the children would be thrilled by the visit.

The officers, who were wearing red Santa Claus hats, were paired up with hospital staff members into three teams. Each team had a rolling cart that was stacked with toys and gift cards that totaled over \$1,500.00. The three teams were then split up and sent on their way to visit all the rooms that had children in them. The children's ages ranged from 18 months to 17 years old. Upon walking into each room with a few different toys to choose from, the officers were greeted by the smiling faces of the children and their grateful parents. The most popular gift amongst the age group between ten year olds and teenagers, were the I-tunes gift cards. Some of the other gifts included Barbie Dolls and board games.

The event was a huge success for the children and left the officers who participated with an unmatched feeling of joy and fulfillment. Each officer stated that they look forward to putting smiles on the faces of more deserving children next year!

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SCHILLER PARK / FRANKLIN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce provides training, information, and socializing for the businesses and residents of Schiller Park and Franklin Park. Please access the chamber's calendar at www.chamberbyohare.com

FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS COME OUT OF HIBERNATION

With Spring arriving, our furry

neighbors become more active. Remember that wild animals are equipped to fend for themselves. Please refrain from feeding them. Look around your yard for possible nesting areas – wood piles, overturned buckets, etc. If you need a trap, please contact the Community Development Department.

VACANT HOMES

In these tough economic times, Schiller Park has a few vacant homes. These properties generally become obvious

in the spring when the grass grows. It is helpful when concerned neighbors inform us of a new vacancy. This can be done by using the "Contact Us" section of the Village website or calling Community Development at 847-671-8555. The Village's first task is to post a sticker or door hangar. If you see a Village pink door-hangar, rest assured we are aware of the vacancy. If there is a new development, (broken window, raccoons, etc.) please call, email, or use the website.

PLANNING A REMODELING PROJECT?

If you are planning any type of remodeling project this spring or summer, more than likely, a building permit will be required. There have been some changes as to what type of projects require permits. Visit the Village website or check with the Building Dept. to see if your project will require a permit. Homeowners are allowed to do most projects around the house. If you are doing the work yourself, along with the permit application, you will be asked to provide a certificate of responsibility waiver. If you are using a contractor, make sure they apply for the building permit. Contractors

need to be licensed, bonded, and insured with the Village in order to perform work in town. They will have to provide the Village with a proposal or contract, signed by the homeowner before a permit can be issued. Beware of contractors that ask the homeowner to pull the permit. By doing so, the homeowner assumes all liability if someone gets hurt, or if the job is done improperly.

Looking for contractors? Check with neighbors and friends. A recommendation from someone you know is probably the best way to find out if someone has done

a nice job. Don't be afraid to ask for and check references. Also, check with the Better Business Bureau to see if there are any complaints filed against the contractor. The Community Development Dept. has a list of contractors that are registered with the Village, but cannot make any recommendations.

Most information including guidelines and permit applications are available on the Village Website or at the Community Development Dept. at 4501 N. 25th Ave. (847)671-8555

Someone is there to assist you Monday – Friday between the hours of 9:00-5:00 PM.

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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