



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Update

WELCOME Spring! We are on our way to warmer temperatures and numerous Village events.

To that end, the most exciting is our Comprehensive Plan for the Village. We have had initial meetings with our planning company, Ginkgo, and have now scheduled the first public forum to get resident's input. We are excited about the possibilities for our town and look forward to your ideas, suggestions and energy going forward. This is the first time, at least that I can remember, where residents have been given the opportunity to really take part in the planning of Schiller Park.

Mark your calendars and please plan on attending our Comprehensive Planning Public Forum:

THURSDAY, MAY 12
Community Center DON'T MISS IT!
4501 25th Avenue
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

As you will read further in the Schillergram, community development is really taking off in town and we hope to soon see a host of new businesses come our way. What is also important is the fact that we are doing a long term plan on infrastructure, which has been sadly neglected over the years. We can't build on faulty grounds, so we are looking at the whole picture and not just what you can see.

The future looks bright for Schiller Park.

I would also like to dispel a rumor. There is a new business that is looking to go into the vacant building on Lawrence Avenue next to the Mirage Restaurant. Despite what you may have heard, there WILL NOT be a strip club going into it. Misinformation can cause misconceptions. The Village would never allow an establishment like that to come into our town. We are keeping tabs on the progression of the intended business and look forward to an establishment that all will be able to enjoy.

As I've said many times in the past, if you hear something, CALL ME PERSONALLY! I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

GARBAGE REMINDERS

PLEASE DO NOT THROW OUT TIRES OR ELECTRONICS ESPECIALLY LARGE TELEVISIONS.

Tires must be turned in to a tire company for recycling. Do not place out on the curb or by your carts.

Electronics, especially large TV's should not be placed on the curb or placed in the waste carts. Our waste hauling company will not pick those

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES



WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T THROW IT OUT!

up through normal pick-ups. However, Groot will collect, at the curb, up to six electronic items for \$30.00. Contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a collection. **Please remember also that residents may drop off electronics for free behind the Public Works garage in the designated container marked Electronic Recycling. If you have a large TV, village employees would be happy to assist you in disposing of it when you come by to drop it off. Just call ahead to make sure someone is there.**

As for large appliances, refrigerators, freezers, ovens/stoves, washers and dryers, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers, furnaces, etc., these require a special pick-up and separate disposal is required by the State of Illinois. Items will be picked up at no charge, but residents must call Groot at 800-244-1977 to schedule a pick-up in advance.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this regard. Our ordinances allow for fines to be imposed for violators of these rules, but we are hopeful that residents will take heed and abide by them.

O'Hare Update

With warmer temps, residents are coming out of hibernation and opening their windows. Unfortunately, we have been hammered by aircraft noise which never seems to end. As I've explained to some residents, when the winds change, so does the patterns of takeoffs and landings; and lately, the takeoffs are unbearable.

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Unfortunately, we are unable to do a lot with the daytime noise, but, at the last ONCC meeting, the members tried to pass a revised Nighttime Fly-Quiet program that would have rotated runways, allowing for at least some reprieve for weary residents on either a daily or weekly basis during the overnight hours. Disappointingly, some of our neighboring communities voted against the plan saying they did not want planes being diverted over their towns, so the plan did not pass. These are the same towns that benefit economically from being in close proximity to O'Hare airport, so I feel they should shoulder some of the burden of flights going over our heads. Needless to say, I was shocked in the lack of support for the plan.

However, another Nighttime Fly-Quiet program will be presented at the next ONCC meeting scheduled for May 6th and we are hopeful this one will pass. I will keep residents informed on this and how the program will be tested over the summer. There will be surveys that the residents affected by O'Hare noise will be able to fill out once the test period is over to give the ONCC, the CDA and FAA feedback on the program.

I will continue to seek further soundproofing and improved soundproofing for residents of Schiller Park. Watch for further updates about O'Hare in the Schillergram along with visiting the village's website. Please be sure to check the Village Calendar for upcoming events. May events include the Fire Department Ice Cream Social on Friday the 20th, our annual Armed Forces Day Wall of Honor ceremony on Saturday the 21st, and the Village Wide Garage Sale on the 27th and 28th. We hope to see you at some or all of these events.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Moms in our community and please be sure to attend our Comprehensive Plan Forum on May 12th.

Working for you with a Vision.

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New Police Chief Appointed!



Thomas Fragakis was appointed by Mayor Piltaver on April 7, 2016 as the Chief of the Schiller Park Police Department. The Schiller Park Board of Trustees unanimously confirmed the Mayor's choice for the Village's new Police Chief.

Chief Fragakis started with the Police Department in January of 1985. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1990. He was made a Watch Commander in 1993. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. At the time, he was put in charge of the Detective Division. After 5 years in the role of Commander of Investigations, he has now been placed in charge of the 33 full-time sworn Officers, 5 part-time Officers, 5 Auxiliary Officers, 8 civilian employees, and up to 40 part-time employees that comprise the Police Force.

Chief Fragakis believes, as Albert Schweitzer did, "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." Chief Fragakis, not only has received training in numerous leadership and management classes throughout his career, but has also attained two Master's Degrees; one in Criminal Justice and the other in Business Management.

The Chief shares the philosophy of the *Strengthening Police-Community Trust* panel that, "It is important for a police force to reach out to the community, to interact with a cooperative spirit, to listen and act with respect and fairness, and to understand the value of fostering trust day in and day out, so that trust doesn't break down when there is a crisis." In other words, Officers and the Community have to work together; and, Chief Fragakis looks forward to working with you!

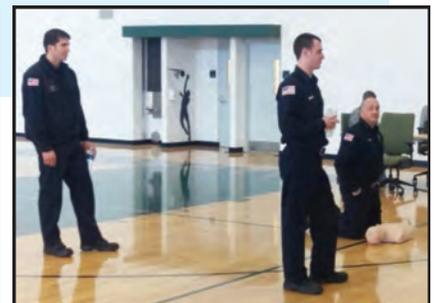
Fire Department Offers CPR Training to Students



Recently some of our Fire Department members participated in furthering safety education at Lincoln Middle School for the seventh grade class. This past February, as discussed in the last edition of the Schillergram, our members went to LMS to educate and discuss the importance of heart health and knowing what to do in case of a cardiac emergency. A guest speaker also attended who was a patient that had been resuscitated by the Fire Department two years ago following a cardiac arrest. He was 31 years old at the time of the incident. The students were taught the use of AED's and signs/symptoms of a cardiac event and that it can affect people of any age.

We continued to build upon that training by teaching the students "hands-only" CPR. After a brief presentation with the students, all were divided into groups led by a Firefighter/Paramedic and allowed to participate and learn how to properly perform hands-only CPR on a CPR mannequin. The students were eager and excited to learn! Over 120 students received this education and also had some great questions for our department members.

In the state of Illinois, it is mandatory for a person going through driver's education to become CPR certified, also known as "Lauren's Law". We as a department feel that people younger than 15 years old can be effectively taught to aid in such an emergency and have the potential to help save a life. The department wants to thank Lincoln Middle School and its administrators for allowing us to teach such a valuable tool to the students. It was a great experience and the students were great participants.



Fire Department Receives New Lockers

Over the past several months, the Fire Department has undertaken one of several projects around the fire house. This is our “home-away-from-home” and as such, are continuing to make improvements. The newest project has been a big change to our bunk room (the sleeping quarters and locker area). Walls have been patched, repaired, and painted. New tile trim has been added. Also, some new doorways were built. The biggest change are the brand new lockers. One of our department members, Lou Bertocini, had hand-built the previous lockers several years ago. They had definitely served their purpose and were beautifully crafted. However, in the interest of the new changes and improvements, the Fire Department recommended to the Village Board that it was time to purchase new larger lockers to allow for more interior storage so there would be no need to store things on top of the lockers. The old lockers were disassembled and parts were repurposed as they were mainly constructed of oak. The new lockers have been installed and are officially in service. It is one of many changes the department has seen over the years, and it will not be the last! All the department members had a hand in this project and the team work paid off. The Department thanks the Mayor, the Village Board, and the public for the resources that made these new lockers for their living space possible.



Schiller Park Electric Aggregation Program UPDATE

The Village is currently operating a Municipal Aggregation program. The purpose of the program is to identify and implement lower electric rates for Schiller Park residents’ home electric bills. The program allows the municipality to seek proposals from electric suppliers, in an effort to lock in rates that are lower than those available through Commonwealth Edison. If you have not previously selected your own alternative supplier, not opted out of the Village program, you have been included automatically in the Village program.

The Village first operated its Aggregation program from 2012-2014. The program was extremely successful during the first two years, *saving the average ratepayer nearly three hundred dollars*, for a Village-wide cumulative savings approaching \$800,000. But the program was suspended in 2014, because the Village was not able to obtain pricing that was lower than ComEd’s. All residents were returned to ComEd at the end of the initial program in 2014.

Last year, the Village again sought bids and selected Dynegy Energy (based in southern Illinois) as the new supplier. The rate was set at 6.851¢ per kWh for the first 12 months and is scheduled to drop to 6.39¢ per kWh for the last 12 months of the two-year term. Your rate will drop in September 2016.

The base default rate available through ComEd was set in 2015 at 7¢ with a monthly variance of +/- 0.5¢ per kWh due to the Purchased Electricity Adjustment (or “PEA”). In other words, the ComEd rate will vary from 6.5¢ to 7.5¢, through June 1. Unfortunately due to the monthly variances being credits since October of 2015, the current Aggregation program rate has been slightly higher than the monthly-adjusted ComEd rate, costing residents and small businesses that are in the program approximately a \$1.00 to a \$1.50 more per month than the ComEd rate since October of 2015.

The ComEd rate will reset June 1st at a yet-to-be announced rate to take effect June 2016 to May 2017. It may or may not be lower than the Village’s rate of 6.851/6.39¢. With no early termination fee, residents are free to leave the aggregation program at any time to move to ComEd or to another supplier. After a six-month hold period, anyone who leaves the program may return with there being no penalty fee to leave, or to re-enroll. Residents may call Dynegy at 844-351-7691 to leave the Village’s program to move back to ComEd if they so desire.

The concept of Customer Choice as introduced to the State of Illinois over 15 years ago has met with great success across the State, saving ratepayers billions of dollars: Residents were formally charged 9¢ per kWh for electric supply in the summer of 2010, and Illinois rates were near the highest levels in the nation in the 1990s and through the early 2000s. However, today Illinois electric rates are among the lowest in the nation, with all other Great Lakes States such as Michigan and Wisconsin paying higher rates than Illinois.

This program presents several benefits: ratepayers enjoy the flexibility to join or leave the program with no termination fee at any time; residents receive a fixed, known rate versus the ComEd rate which is re-set twice annually and can further change with the PEA charge that as stated above varies from month to month.

Residents are always advised to review and understand electric supplier offerings. The ComEd rate is available as a default provider if a resident is so inclined to move back to ComEd. Residents may also explore other providers via a website established for this purpose by the Illinois Commerce Commission: www.pluginillinois.org. Ratepayers are advised to review terms and conditions to understand any additional fixed monthly fees, termination fees, or variable rates with no upward cap. Again – there is never a penalty for leaving the Village’s aggregation program. Residents may also call the Village’s energy consultant NIMEC, [800-727-3820](tel:800-727-3820) for additional information.

Fire Department Hosts End of School Ice Cream Social

Come join the members of the Schiller Park Fire Department as we host the End-of-School-Year Ice Cream Social. On Friday, May 20th, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the Irving Park firehouse, we will be congratulating students and their families with ice cream treats on another school year completed! Don’t miss out on the fun!



FIGHT THE BITE

Mosquito Season Is Upon Us Please Use Caution

By this time of the year you will start seeing mosquitoes and now is the time for mosquito prevention. Mosquitoes in Illinois carry 5 different diseases including the West Nile Virus and the potential to carry the Zika Virus, although according to the CDC there has been no mosquito to person transmission of the Zika Virus so far in the United States. According to the CDC the best ways to protect yourself from being bitten by mosquitoes is to use an insect repellent, covering exposed skin with long sleeved shirts and pants, and to keep the mosquitoes outside. Speaking of outside, the best way to prevent mosquitoes from breeding is to remove standing water around your home. More mosquito prevention tips can be found on the following websites: www.cdc.gov and www.dph.illinois.gov.



Schiller Park Summer Movie in the Park Series

Looking for a Fun, Free and Fabulous Family Activity in Your Community?

Summer Movies in the Park is a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a safe and special night under the stars. Come early and get a good seat and don't forget your blanket!

All movies start at dusk (approx. 15 minutes after sunset).
Movies are subject to change.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.

Star Wars – The Force Awakens

8:30 PM, Saturday - June 18 • Stalica Park

The SpongeBob Movie – Sponge out of Water

8:30 PM, Saturday – July 16 • Water Park & Memorial Pool

Zootopia

8:30 PM, Saturday – August 13 • Stalica Park



ROCKIN' IN THE PARK

All concerts are at Clock Tower Park
Please bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

Friday June 10th, 7:30 PM
Wild Daisy (Country)

Friday June 24th, 7:30 PM
Tropixpllosion! (Island)

Friday July 8th, 7:30 PM
Tony Ocean Band (Rat Pack)

Friday July 22nd, 7:30 PM
Paul Rush Band (Polish Rock)

Friday August 5th, 7:30 PM
Scraps of Brass (R & B)

Friday August 19th, 7:30 PM
Kaleidoscope Eyes (Beatles)

Come and enjoy these free concerts with your family.



New Public Works Director Hired

On April 18th the Village of Schiller Park welcomed Eric Oscarson as the new Director of Public Works. Mr. Oscarson brings over 10 years' experience in Public Works and Administration, most recently as

Director of Public Works for Navajo County, AZ. In this role, Mr. Oscarson was responsible for daily administration, budgeting, implementing efficiencies and productivity, and the creation of a work tracking system to measure performance. Mr. Oscarson has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He has previous work experience with the Village of Schaumburg, Village of Deerfield, and the Village of Hinsdale. Director of Public Works Eric Oscarson: "I'm looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work for the Village of Schiller Park and am excited to join the management team. I am ready to share knowledge and best practices. The Village's mission, values and strategic plan are in line with my own and I am anxious to get started." Mr. Oscarson has been married to his wife Shannon for over 10 years and together they have five children. Please welcome Eric to the community and feel free to call him at (847) 671-8554 with any Public Works related issues or concerns.



Village Announces Comp. Plan and Flood Map Public Forums

Schiller Park has initiated the development of a New Comprehensive Plan to help guide future growth and economic development in the Village. This is an opportunity for all residents and local businesses to help craft a bold plan for the future that captures community vision and inspires action.

The **First Public Forum for the 2016-17 Comprehensive Plan** will be held at the **Community Center, 4501 N. 25th Avenue, Schiller Park, IL 60176, on Thursday, May 12th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.** With lively discussions and presentations, the evening will focus on **Big Ideas**, including:

- What major assets of Schiller Park should be preserved and strengthened?
- What are the major challenges facing the Village today?
- What opportunities should the Village pursue to create a stronger identity and economic position in the Chicago Region?

A **Public Forum on the preliminary Crystal Creek flood map** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 24th, at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.** See how the engineering study depicts changes in the flood plain map and hear how that may affect your property.

For more information contact Kevin McKenna, at (847) 671-8560 or email at kmckenna@schillerparkil.us.

2015 Schiller Park Water Quality Report Now Available

The 2015 Village of Schiller Park Water Quality Report has been released and is now available for download as a PDF from the Village website. If you would like to have a paper copy of the report mailed to your home please call (847) 678-2550, or send a written request to Water Quality Report Request, Village of Schiller Park, 9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, 60176. This report, available at the link below, contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water in 2015.

<http://www.villageofschillerpark.com/DocumentCenter/View/853>

Water Park/Memorial Pool Information Summer 2016

Registration Begins May 2, 2016

Schiller Park Recreation Center:
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration Location

Schiller Park Recreation Center
9638 W. Irving Park Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176

Pool will open Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular Pool Season June 4 — August 19

(Register on or before May 31, 2016 and save with discounted fees)

Hours:

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Adults Only (Weekdays)
(Resident senior citizens swim free during adult swim)

Individual season early discount passes
(Purchased on or before May 31)

3 yrs. old & up \$32.00 Res./\$47.00 Non-Res.

General Public:

1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Individual season regular passes
(Purchased after May 31)

3 yrs. old & up \$37.00 Res./\$52.00 Non-Res.

Aquatic Programs

(\$15.00 One-time Registration Fee for Swim Lessons)

Swim Lessons

(6 yrs. & older)

Fee per session: \$35 Res./\$45 Non-Res.

8 lessons per session

1st session June 6 – June 15

2nd session June 20 – June 29

3rd session July 5 – July 14

4th session July 18 – July 27

Time: 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

or 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Parent & Tot

(5 yrs. & under)

Fee per session: \$35 Res./\$45 Non-Res.

8 lessons per session

1st session June 6 – June 15

2nd session June 20 – June 29

3rd session July 5 – July 14

4th session July 18 – July 27

Time: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Aqua Zumba

(18 yrs. & over)

Fee per class: \$47 Res./\$52 Non-Res.

Tuesday: 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

1st session June 6 – June 15

Dates: TBA

Daily Admissions

3-13 yrs. old \$7.00

14 & up \$9.00

Evening Admissions

3-13 yrs. old \$5.00

14 & up \$7.00

Aquatic Facility/Pool Rental

2 Hour 1-50 people

Resident Non-Resident

\$350.00 \$450.00

Does not include concession stand

(\$10.00 each additional person)





Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, May 19th and June 2nd and 16th and July 7th 7:00 PM
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, May 10th and 24th and June 14th and 28th 1:00 PM
Community Center

Comprehensive Plan Public Forum

Thursday, May 12th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Community Center

Fire Department's End of School Ice Cream Social

Friday, May 20th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Irving Park Firehouse

Veterans' Wall of Honor Ceremony

Saturday, May 21st 10:00 AM • Clock Tower Park

Village Wide Community Garage Sale

Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Throughout Town

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30th
Village Offices Closed

Water Park Opens

Saturday, June 4th 11:30 AM • Kennedy Park

Rockin' in the Park Concert – Wild Daisy (Country)

Friday, June 10th 7:00 PM • Clock Tower Park

Movie in the Park

Saturday, June 18th 8:30 PM • Stalica Park
Star Wars - The Force Awakens

Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 21st 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Center

Rockin' in the Park Concert – Tropixplosion (Island)

Friday, June 24th 7:00 PM • Clock Tower Park

Independence Day - 4th of July

Monday, July 4th
Village Offices Closed

Kids Bike & Pet Parade

Monday, July 4th
Further Details to Follow

Gift From the Heart Bicycle Race

Sunday, July 10th
Further Details to Follow

Street Sweeping

May 9-10 and May 23-24

(Monday – Even Addresses, Tuesday – Odd Addresses)

June 13-14 and June 27-28

(Mondays – Even Addresses, Tuesdays – Odd Addresses)

The Village welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please email your comments to mayor@villageofschillerpark.com
or send them via regular mail to Schillergram Comments, Village of Schiller Park,
9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176.

If you would like a response to your comments please include your return address and phone number. All information will be kept confidential.

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Around Town

Community Development News

Community Development is excited to welcome MyKitchens LLC to the Village of Schiller Park. MyKitchens is moving in at 9416 Irving Park Rd and will offer affordable shared commercial kitchens for rent and a business development center with no hidden costs. Suzana Stoltz, the owner of My Kitchens LLC, envisions an opportunity for food entrepreneurship. MyKitchens LLC is working with Schiller Park on starting on-site sale at their 3 Seasons Farmer's Market and Christmas Market International. We are excited about these opportunities and look forward to seeing and tasting the delicious food that will come from the entrepreneurs at MyKitchens.

Community Development UPDATE

In addition to working on the Schiller Park comprehensive plan, Community Development staff members are involved with numerous projects. The coming year should see significant development, and Schiller Park is on the cusp of a transformation.

To that end, River Road should see a major improvement. Filling a recently vacated business will likely be a new high-tech laser tag facility, a microbrewery/restaurant as well as providing a new larger home for an existing business that was considering moving out of town. Retention of current businesses is just as important as bringing in new business – if not more important!

The West Gateway area at Irving Park and Mannheim Road is on the verge of being developed with two new hotels and a conference center. The vacant restaurant pad adjacent to that area has several proposals from nation-wide restaurant chains. The recently vacated Thrifty Car Rental lot on Mannheim Road has several offers, possibly to build an additional hotel.

In other parts of town, the old Hostess buildings will soon be torn down and two new office/industrial buildings will be constructed. Wally Park at Lawrence Avenue and Mannheim Road will be retrofitting their buildings for indoor parking. The owners are still working with IDOT for ingress and egress off Mannheim to encourage restaurants to come into their buildings. Developers have also submitted plans for the corner of Scott and Irving Park Road which will go before the zoning board. Plans are underway for the long vacant BP gas station on Irving and River Roads to be remodeled with a new gas station and drive through restaurant.

These new developments have the potential to bring in over a million dollars in construction/permit revenues, sales tax revenue, hotel tax revenue and property tax revenue to the Village. These projects will also create many new job opportunities for our residents.

All of this will help the Village continue to be a great place to live, raise a family and own a business.