



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Update



Seems like summer just arrived but we will soon be saying hello to cooler temperatures and fall leaves.

We've had many events since our last newsletter including our 4th of July parade and picnic.

Rockin' the in Park concerts, Movies at Stalica Park and the police sponsored National Night Out. I hope many of you took part and enjoyed the festivities.

Besides our community events, we are busy planning and preparing our comprehensive plan for the village. I held a town hall meeting on August 12th with most of our trustees and department heads in attendance. The night included a slide show presentation showing what Schiller Park has, what our needs are and what we could be in the future. One of the highlights was showing the proposed plans for the Irving Park Road/Mannheim development which will bring two new hotels along with restaurants and retail to our area. This will also mean more jobs and revenues coming into our town.

It was a positive meeting with good attendance from the residents. Hopefully, with everyone's cooperation and input, we can move forward with getting our vision on paper and secure a solid plan for Schiller Park's progress.

Currently, the Village engineers are working on several projects in town and planning others. Some of the items they are looking into are the IDOT planned widening of Irving Park Road from Emerson Avenue west to Judd Avenue. Proposed signal at Old River Road and Irving Park Road. Pedestrian improvements on 25th Avenue by Crystal Creek (east side.) Crosswalk at River Road and Lawrence. Crosswalk at Forster and Lawrence. Structural analysis of both viaducts. Safe Routes to School coordination with signage. 2015 Street maintenance to include George Place, Linn Ave., alley between Old River Road and Kolze and miscellaneous patching village-wide. Flooding problems south of Irving Park Road (prior studies were never prepared and this is an on-going issue in that area.) Progress reports on FEMA remapping of flood zones (another important issue that we are working closely with Franklin Park on.)

Should anyone have any questions on any of the above projects, please feel free to contact my office.

School is back in session, so please drive carefully and remember NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING!

Enjoy the upcoming fall weather and as always, feel free to call, write or email me at any time.

Working for you with a vision.

Mayor Barbara

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SCHILLER PARK BLOOD DRIVE REPORT

The Village of Schiller Park, in conjunction with Life Source, held a blood drive on August 18th. Here are the results from the drive.

37 Participants Total

3 were deferred

5 were new donors

34 Total Units of Blood were collected.

There were 4 Milestones. William Giordano attained 10 gallons, James Inendino 16 gallons, Louis Manis 1 gallon and Cathy Campagna 1 gallon. Congratulations!

All donors were entered into a drawing and there were two prizes raffled off. A \$30 Mantra Restaurant Gift Certificate was won by Sandra Rosario and a \$20 Gift Certificate from Taco Loco Restaurant was won by Officer (Sgt.) Joe DiSimone.

We'd also like to welcome a new blood drive volunteer, Toni Sinacola. Thank you for volunteering. If anyone is interested in helping out at our blood drives, please contact the village and we will put you in touch with the blood drive coordinator.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The next blood drive will be held on October 20 from 1:30 pm until 6:30 pm at the Community Center. The Village's goal is to attain 60 donors. Back in the 80's, the village's blood drives were generating over a hundred participants! Let's try and achieve those numbers again. Out of close to twelve thousand residents, we think that goal is attainable. Please consider donating.



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day



Schiller Park will have a Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You may drop off your expired or unused prescription and over the counter drugs in their original containers (excluding liquids and syringes) to the Schiller Park Police Station. The drop off point will be located behind the Village Hall at the Police Department & Fire Department.

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Schiller Park Paid on Call Firefighters



June 30, 2015 saw the end of an era for the Volunteer/Paid on Call firefighters in Schiller Park. After providing fire protection and emergency medical services for nearly 90 years, the program ends with the final three members retiring - Lt. Sam DiMaggio, FF Pat Quinn and FF Kevin Dusek.

These men along with the nearly 120 who preceded them responded to the calls for help from residents and businesses. They responded from home days, nights, weekends and holidays. They built the department and helped mold today's firefighters. Prior to 1968 all fire and ambulance requests were handled by volunteers.

Lt. Sam DiMaggio started off in May 1966 and served over 49 years, more than half of our Village's firefighting history. FF Pat Quinn started in 1987 and served over 28 years of service. FF Kevin Quinn our last firefighter started in 1995 serving nearly 19 years.

As the fire department was converted into a full time career department, paid on call were not needed as often. The requirements of the Illinois State Fire Marshal with a minimum of 240 hours of training before you could fight a fire made it more difficult for the paid on call as did the paramedic requirement. This along with employees not working in town and a reluctance of employers to let workers go during work hours also made it difficult for them to respond or cover Schiller Park.

Today's Fire Department is composed of 28 full time firefighters who are cross-trained paramedics and work around the clock 24/7/365. Our Firefighters are certified by the State as Advanced Firefighters and also hold certifications in specialty areas including Hazardous Materials, Fire Inspections, Fire Investigation, Technical Rescue and Fire Engineering amongst others.

Without the Paid on Call members and volunteers laying the foundation for the Village's current members, we would not have one of the finest Fire Departments in the area.

Telephone Mass Notification System

The Village of Schiller Park uses a high speed internet based mass notification system for community-wide notification. This was formerly called the Reverse 9-1-1 system. To receive emergency and community informational notifications, such as Weather warnings, flooding, street closures, water main breaks, Village wide events or emergencies, a phone number must be on file for each home, apartment and business within Schiller Park. The system is designed so that a Village wide alert can go out or only affected areas are notified. The purpose of this article is to ask you to fill out the attached flier with the vital information. We ask that all residents and businesses complete the form even if you are on file so that the information can be verified and updated.



Any information provided will be used for the sole purpose of emergency and critical informational messages from the Village of Schiller Park.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Fire Chief Peter Chiodo at 847-671-8545

Please return this section to:

Emergency Telephone System Board, Village of Schiller Park
9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176

Contact Information for database:

Name: _____

Primary Phone Number
to receive information: _____

Can you receive text messages on primary phone number?

Yes No

Address: _____

Schiller Park Fire Department Open House

The Schiller Park Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at 9526 Irving Park Road on Saturday October 10th from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to learn and participate in fire safety activities.

This is part of the National Fire Prevention Month which commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The theme for this year is "Hear the Beep Where you sleep". Everyone is reminded to regularly check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure that they are working and your family is aware of the sound it makes. As part of a safety home program practice what everyone should do in case of an emergency.

Voting Poll Moves from Firehouse

The Cook County Board of Elections has moved the voting poll from the Schiller Park Firehouse located at 9526 W. Irving, to the Village Hall Board Room 2nd floor same address. This was done so as to make it easier for residents who may need assistance by having an elevator and ADA equipped restrooms. This change of location takes effect immediately with the next election.

After Dinner Coffee and Chat with the Chief

Fire Chief Peter Chiodo invites residents to an "After Dinner Coffee and Chat with the Chief" on Thursday October 1, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. at the firehouse 9526 W. Irving Park Rd. Come take this opportunity to see the Chief and the firehouse. This will be an open discussion and you can then stay for the regularly scheduled Village Board meeting held at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Schiller Park Firefighters Partner with Former Resident Now Living and Teaching in India

Schiller Park Firefighters have begun a Train the Trainer program for CPR and First Aid that will be brought back to India where former Schiller Park resident Ron Hjerstedt now lives with his wife and two



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children. Ron and his wife are running a school in Nagod Madhya Pradesh and hope to bring some life saving skills to their Village. After they return to India additional classes and skills will be Skyped back and forth via the internet.

Residential Secured Key Program

The Village of Schiller Park has a secured key program for businesses in town. This program is more commonly referred to as a *Knox Box* named after the company who manufactures the system. We are now making this program available to residents who wish to purchase these little safes which can be permanently mounted to the brick or a portable version. After you order the *Knox Box*, it comes with the door open. You have it mounted to the wall and contacted the Schiller Park Fire Department who will witness the house entrance key placed in the secured box and watch the fire department lock the *Knox Box*. In the event that a medical emergency occurs and you can not open the entrance to your home, the fire department will use their *Knox Box* key to gain access to your home key and enter without doing any damage to your entrance door or frame. A sticker is placed on your entrance doors notifying the fire department that you have a secured key. The key will be replaced when the emergency is over. We will follow up with you the next day or as soon as it is practical to show you that the key was replaced and is secure. A representative from *Knox Box* will be available at the Fire Department Open House on October 10th with information and a demonstration. Further information can be obtained from *Knox Box* on their website along with pricing. The Schiller Park Fire Department is also available to answer questions by calling (847) 678-5136.



SCHILLER PARK

Community Garden

A Successful First Year

The Recreation Department reports that many residents participated in the first year of the community garden. Residents enjoyed planting a variety of different vegetables, plants and flowers. Recreation Director John Bealer explained that while it had taken some time to get Mayor Piltaver's Community Garden idea off the ground the first year was very successful.





Flu Season is Upon Us!

It's approaching that time of year again, flu shots are almost here! Everywhere you turn, someone will most likely be asking you if you would like to get your flu shot. According to CDC guidelines, most flu activity occurs from October to May here in the US although the virus may be around year round. The flu virus is a contagious respiratory illness that can present with mild to moderate symptoms and in some cases, may be more serious, leading to hospitalization or death. Generally younger children and the elderly are at higher risk for most serious complications, as well as people with certain health conditions. Flu is best prevented when people get vaccinated. While not everyone likes getting vaccinated, it is very important that each person takes the proper precautions to prevent spreading the virus. For those that do get vaccinated, it is very important that you are getting the vaccine that is most appropriate for you, whether it be the traditional trivalent vaccine vs. quadrivalent or high dose. There is also the nasal option or cell-based (egg free) option. Make sure you talk to your health care provider before making a decision. For those that opt out of receiving the vaccine, be sure to avoid contact with people that may be sick. If you are the sick one, refrain from making contact with others for at least 24 hours of being fever free. Always cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and to wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol based solution frequently. Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth as these are the fastest routes of transmission. Schiller Park will be hosting its annual community flu shots soon. Please stay tuned for date and time. Have a healthy and happy flu season. The Village has scheduled a flu shot clinic for September 19th further details are listed below:

Flu Shot Program Details

- Location:** Community Center
4501 25th Avenue
Schiller Park, IL 60176
- Date:** Saturday, September 19th, 2015
- Time:** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Fee:** \$25.00 Cash or Medicare

If you have any questions or concerns about this program please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550.



River Rock Gastro Pub Opens!

Community Development is excited to welcome the River Rock Gastro Pub to the Village of Schiller Park. River Rock has opened at the old Rog's Pub & Eatery location; 4255 Old River Rd. Following the lead of new ownership the location has seen the inside completely redone with an outdoor patio and a dance floor. River Rock offers a growing menu and a number of reasonably priced drinks. With DJ's on Friday and Saturdays this is a great way to get out while avoiding transportation and traffic. River Rock also offers a great location for lunch and business dinners.

Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, September 17th and October 1st and 15th • 7:00 PM
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, September 8th and 22nd and October 13th and 27th
1:00 PM
Community Center

Free Village Shred Event

Saturday, September 19th • 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Behind Public Works Garage

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 10th • 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Irving Park Firehouse

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 20th • 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Community Center

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 24th
Contact Mayor's Office 847-671-8502 if interested

Trick or Treat Hours

Saturday, October 31st • 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Halloween Howl

Saturday, October 31st • 7:00 PM
Recreation Center

Annual Veterans Breakfast

Sunday, November 8th • 9:00 AM
Community Center

Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, September 14th Even Addresses
Tuesday September 8th Odd Addresses
Monday, September 28th Even Addresses
Tuesday September 22nd Odd Addresses
Monday, October 12th Even Addresses
Tuesday October 13th Odd Addresses
Monday, October 26th Even Addresses
Tuesday October 27th 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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Schiller Park's Best Decorated House Contest

Do you enjoy decorating your house for Halloween? If so, then let the Recreation Department recognize your efforts. Just call (847) 671-8580 to give your address and register for this free activity. Houses will be judged for creativity and the winner will receive their choice of a 2016 season pass for the water park or an individual 6 month fitness pass at the Recreation Center. The house must be located within the corporate boundaries of Schiller Park. Call and register by October 26th.

Public Works

UPDATE



HOW TO LOWER YOUR WATER BILL



One option is to conserve water within your home. This can be as simple as not running the water constantly when washing the dishes or brushing your teeth. Another option would be to water your plants/lawn less often. You can often save water by checking for and dealing with leaks by using a licensed plumber. One simple leak checking option is to use die strips or tablets in your toilet tank (do not flush) and wait to see (maybe 10 minutes) if the color migrates into your bowl on its own. If the color migrates to the bowl without flushing you have a leak. Die strips or tablets are available for free at the Village Hall or you can use standard food coloring.

REPORT POSSIBLE MAIN BREAKS



The Department of Public Works is available to repair water main breaks 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you know of a possible water main break during business hours, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550. After business hours, call the non-emergency number for the Police Department at (847) 678-4794.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS ARE HAPPENING



The 2015/16 street improvement program is scheduled to begin in September and include resurfacing of the following locations: Linn Avenue (Forster to Harold), George Street (Berseau to Irving Park) and the alley north of Irving Park Road (Kolze to Old River). We will also be patching various locations throughout the Village that were identified by Public Works Staff.



FALL IS COMING LEAVE THE GUTTERS CLEAN

It is a violation of Village ordinances to pile your leaves in the street. Street sweepers are not designed to handle a large volume of leaves and doing so can damage the sweeper. It is also bad for the storm sewers to have leaves in the street because they can clog the sewer intakes and inhibit proper drainage. In order to properly dispose of your leaves please follow the procedures for yard waste disposal - i.e. use garbage cans marked yard waste or biodegradable paper bags on garbage pickup day. Yard waste pickup is handled by the Village garbage contractor GROOT and is picked up on Fridays along with residents regular trash and recycling pickup. Yard waste must be put out in 32 gallon containers marked with at least two Village yard waste stickers or in biodegradable paper bags which are folded at the top. Yard waste that is too large for bags (such as branches or brush) may be tied up using biodegradable twine and left at the curb with other yard waste.

FOP Golf Outing Another Big Success!

The Schiller Park Police FOP Lodge 170 hosted their 11th Annual Golf Outing on August 7th at Fox Run Golf Course in Elk Grove. Every year the FOP picks a children's charity and splits the proceeds from the event with that charity. This year the FOP chose The Children's Heart Foundation of Illinois. We are pleased to announce that this year's event surpassed all previous events both in golfers and donations raised. The FOP raised over \$14,000! The FOP will donate \$8,000 to the Children's Heart Foundation to help fund much needed research. The other proceeds will be used in the FOP's annual Santa at the Schools visit as well as support other local charities. We would like to thank all of the local businesses that helped make this event a HUGE success. We look forward to next year! If you have any questions or would like to participate in the future please contact Det. Frank DeSimone 847-671-8519.