

Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Update

September will bring very welcome cooler weather (although I love the summer and the heat) and the children in our schools will have been attending for almost three weeks already. Can you remember the days when kids didn't go back until after Labor Day? Changing times.

The summer seemed to fly by along with many of our summer events. Hundreds of people enjoyed our Rockin in the Park Concerts, movies in the park and National Night Out. Our annual Family Fun Day and Car Show took place on August 28th and was a big hit once again. I will give you the full story about the event in the November issue.

Although our summer events have ended, the fall brings other events that we hope you'll take part in. Visit the Village's website often for information on upcoming events. We have just over 11,000 residents in our town but we have been averaging only about 7,000 monthly hits on our new website. We'd like to see more people take a daily look at our website to see if there is anything new happening in town, upcoming events or advisories. This is YOUR town – let's take an active interest in what is happening.

NIGHTIME FLY QUIET PROGRAM

I hope all residents who are affected by O'Hare Noise are filling out the survey for the Nighttime Rotation Plan. We need your input to get an accurate response on the program. You will find new information on our website showing the results for the first five weeks. Although better, I personally would like to see a longer duration in the amount of total hours that were deemed "fly quiet" at night. However, we need to look at the entire program to see if it is working before a final analysis is made. Fill out those surveys!

BEAUTIFICATION

Have you noticed the new flower planters along Irving Park Road and Lawrence Avenue? We hope you like them! The Village, in cooperation with Russo Power Equipment, was able to obtain the planters and flowers to help beautify our village. Russo agreed to purchase the flowers and we agreed to allow them to put up some banners advertising their business. We are hoping that in the future, the program will expand and more businesses would like to help beautify the village in other areas! Also thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came out and helped me plant the flowers in the planters. It was a team effort and everyone enjoyed the day.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Schiller Park resident Isabella Baumann, daughter of Ed and Sue Baumann, on being chosen to participate in the 2016 ComEd Icebox Derby at the Field Museum that was held on August 13th. Isabella was chosen along with 29 other girls to take part in ComEd's program that allows girls to build solar powered racecars out of recycled refrigerators!

The Icebox Derby is an educational competition that provides female students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through activities such as field trips, developing mentor relationships with current women in the field, team challenges, building their own race car, and ultimately take these skills into the real world. New to this year's program, the girls will explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through the scope of renewable energy; building and powering parts of their cars with solar technology.

According to Isabella's bio on ComEd's website, she is a bookworm with big brains and bold aspirations. When she isn't studying up to become a neuroscientist, she spends her days soaking up the sun and exploring the outdoors. I guess you could say she is also "solar" powered!

I personally visited the garage in downtown Chicago where the girls assembled the racecars and saw firsthand how all the girls worked as a team. It was a true inspiration to see such young minds at work all striving to take home the trophy.

Although Isabella's team did not win the derby, she's a winner in our eyes! All the participants received a scholarship from ComEd just for taking part. Congratulations Isabella. GREAT JOB!

NEW LOLLIPOPS LOUNGE TO OPEN

A new establishment, Lollipops Lounge, on Lawrence Avenue is going to be Opening Soon!

Please be assured that the owners promised the Board during the approval process that their new business will be a reputable, modern bar/lounge offering a pleasant atmosphere, food, and a place to relax with friends. We hope that residents will give this new business a try and make it a success.

Let's welcome a new, clean, modern looking business into town.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 2nd, the police department, in cooperation with the Village of Schiller Park, held their annual National Night Out at the village's pool. We had a packed house and it was a great night to meet with family, neighbors and friends. There are numerous pictures on the Village's Facebook page, but here are pictures of some of the heroes present.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

I have been working hard with the Village Manager, Board and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee on our comprehensive plan with Ginkgo Planning, we will have another town hall meeting soon to show you what they have come up with for future plans shaping Schiller Park. Don't forget to visit the Schiller Park Comprehensive Plan website to give us your input on what you'd like to see happen in YOUR town! You can view the website here: [http://schillerpark.civipage.com/](http://schillerpark.civicpage.com/)



Take care everyone and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events in town. As always, should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc., please feel free to email or call me. I'll even pay you a personal visit if you'd like.

Working for you with a vision!

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Police Chief's Corner



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Hide it, Lock it, or Lose it!

Did you know that theft – usually from an unlocked car – is the most common crime in Schiller Park? This felony offense happens when someone unlawfully enters a vehicle to commit a theft therein. It is also one of the easiest crimes to prevent.

Based on statistical analysis, an overwhelming majority of vehicular burglaries occur because victims do not lock their cars. National Crime Survey data indicates that citizens often leave their vehicles unlocked and their valuables unsecured in their residential neighborhoods because residents feel more secure near their homes; in turn, most vehicle-related thefts occur at these locations.



It takes less than 30 seconds to get into an unlocked vehicle, grab what is in plain view, check the usual hiding places (glove box, center console, and under the seat), and get away. Theft prevention like all crime prevention, involves limiting the criminal's opportunity to commit crime. With very little effort, residents and visitors can make a huge difference in not only reducing crime, but preventing crime.

The principle behind "Lock it or Lose it" is simple; protect your personal property. Keep your valuables – laptop, camera, MP3 player, GPS system, cell phone, purse, wallet, briefcase, and other items out of plain view. Better yet, do not leave valuables in the car. Hide all traces or signs of electronics; such as docking stations, chargers, or connector cables. Do not leave packages or shopping bags visible in your car. Unload your car immediately when you get home. Do not leave items in your car overnight. Set your alarm or anti-theft device.

So remember; lock your vehicle at all times! If you don't get it, they will.



Did you know that metallic properties of balloons caused more than 200,000 customer interruptions in the last four years?

When a foil balloon contacts a power line or part of substation equipment, its metallic properties can cause a surge of electricity that can, in turn, cause the equipment to short-circuit. And the spark could lead to a power outage or fire.

ComEd encourages customers to help reduce foil balloon-related power outages and ensure safety by keeping the following tips in mind:

- Keep balloons tethered at all times and attached to weights.
- Properly dispose of Mylar balloons by puncturing the balloon to release helium that otherwise could cause the balloon to float away.
- NEVER touch a power line. Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or toy that is entangled in an overhead power line. For assistance, call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (800-334-7661).
- Always assume power lines are live and keep yourself, your belongings and anything you are carrying at least 10 feet away from power lines.

ComEd customers can learn about more safety tips by visiting ComEd.com



Schiller Park Blood Drive Report

Blood Drives save lives – and the Schiller Park Blood Drive has so many people who care. Here are the results from the August 16th drive.

Out of the 36 donors who came in, 31 units of blood were collected. Five donors were deferred for low iron and 6 of the 36 people were NEW to the blood drive.

Diana Barzano and Javier Gonzalez reached the 1 Gallon mark. Congratulations!

The following donors won prizes from the raffle. John Kusiak won a \$25 Gift Certificate donated from the Great Escape Restaurant. Bill Giordano and Jason Hoagland won a bag of Fratelli Gourmet Coffee donated by the Fratelli Coffee Company.

Refreshments and homemade goodies were provided by the lovely and always smiling Schiller Park Blood Drive Volunteers.

Mark your Calendar - The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, October 18 from 1-7 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue in Schiller Park.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO DONATE! Please consider donating on October 18th!

PROPERTY AFTER DEATH WORKSHOP

Mayor Piltaver and the Village of Schiller Park in partnership with Karen A. Yarbrough of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds will be presenting a “property after death workshop” on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the community center.

One of the most frequently-asked questions The Recorder of Deeds receives is how to get started planning a future for real property after the owner dies something they are calling “Property After Death.”

The Recorder of Deeds finds it wonderful to hear that so many are thinking about the future, and things they can do while still alive that will make it easier to ensure their last wishes. Homeownership remains a great source of wealth and opportunity for American families, and passing that wealth on to the next generation is important.

Unfortunately, too many of us – for a variety of reasons – neglect to discuss our mortality with those we love. That is why Mayor Piltaver will be offering this FREE seminar to all residents. You will learn how to

- Avoid the costly and lengthy probate process
- Establish a ‘Property After Death’ plan for your estate
- Pass your home, car and bank accounts directly to your heirs.

So mark your calendars for WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30 PM. 4501 25TH AVENUE, SCHILLER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. For further information contact the mayor’s office at 847-671-8502. mayor@schillerparkil.us

PROPERTY AFTER DEATH GUIDE



Fire Department News



Things are keeping busy at our Fire Department with plenty of upcoming events. The summer has been filled with a lot of activity and a lot more items are coming with the return of fall and the school year.

October is a busy month for us as it is Fire Prevention Month. We will be going to our local schools and teaching fire safety throughout the month. We also will host our annual Open House here at the Fire Department on Saturday October 22nd from 12 Noon – 3:00 PM. There will be food, activities, and more! Come join us!



As a reminder from the Department of Community Development, please take a moment to visit the website for the Village’s Comprehensive Plan update – www.schillerpark.civicpage.com. The Village has engaged a planning consultant, Ginkgo Planning and Design to gather data and make a recommendation to the Village on an updated Comprehensive Plan. You can email them at: ginkgo@ginkgoplanning.com. We are still very interested in gathering input from you, the residents and business operators of the Village. Please take a moment to visit the site and share your thoughts and ideas. As you do so, please keep in mind that this plan will look forward to what Schiller Park will be. When you make your comments think about your experiences in Schiller Park, but also remember, and comment on, what you would like your children and your grandchildren to see in Schiller Park. The update process for the Comprehensive Plan is what you make of it and your thoughts and ideas for the future of Schiller Park are always welcome.

Keep an eye out for the next Public Forum to be scheduled during the Fall. More information regarding the details of the presentation will be made available very soon.

Construction Activity Update:

Please be aware that the former Hostess buildings at Soreng Avenue and Rose Street will soon begin the process of demolition. The site owner and their contractor are working to finalize all necessary permits with both the Village and Cook County that will allow them to begin the process of removing the buildings and replacing them with modern, state-of-the-art industrial buildings that will be an asset to the Village for years to come. Please contact Community Development with any questions at 847-671-8555.



In addition Jimmy John’s gourmet sandwich shop broke ground on the Marathon property on Saturday, September 3rd! If all goes well Schiller Park will welcome them in early winter!



**HELP SCHILLER PARK
COLLECT NEW T-SHIRTS
AND UNDERWEAR FOR
VETERANS AT
HINES VA HOSPITAL!**

In cooperation with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Triton College and in honor of September 11, a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and for Veterans Day on November 11, Schiller Park is helping to collect NEW men's and women's t-shirts and underwear for Veterans at Hines VA Hospital.

Collections will be made from SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11. All items should be NEW and in sealed packages. Sizes should be L, XL, XXL and larger in both t-shirts and underwear.

Bring all items to the Village Hall or drop them off at the 9-11 Memorial Service at Clock Tower Park at 7 pm.

Once collected, donations will be brought to the RSVP Office at Triton College.

Help Thank the service men and women, veterans and their families in Illinois with this service project focused on benefiting these Illinois Heroes.

Thank you for your anticipated generosity!

Mayor Barbara Piltaver



Fall Tree Planting

As the season starts to change, we begin to notice the changing of the leaves on the trees. This is also the time of year that is best for planting certain trees. You may begin to see neighbors having trees planted in the parkway over the next month. The Village offers a 50/50 tree program that allows residents and businesses to purchase a tree through the Village at a cost of \$100 to be planted in the Village right-of-way. This would include the choice of tree from the list of trees made available by the Village, as well as the cost to have the tree planted. The opportunity to plant a tree this fall has passed; however, certain species of trees are available for a spring planting which will take place in May of next year. The list of trees and when they are available for planting is available on the Village website at www.villageofschillerpark.com.



If you have any questions regarding the tree planting program, please contact the Street Division of Public Works at 847-671-8550



Street Rehabilitation Project

As part of the annual street maintenance program, the Street Rehabilitation project will begin in September with a completion date of October 31, 2016. The project involves rehabilitation of the alley between 25th & Ruby south of Lawrence Ave, rehabilitation of Montrose Avenue from Wesley to River Road, additional parking

spaces on Old River Road (opposite the library), various catch basin rehabilitation, pedestrian improvements on 25th Street at Crystal Creek, and various pavement patching. Please be aware of any construction crews and drive safely.

Any questions about the program can be directed to the Director of Public Works, Eric Oscarson at 847-671-8554 or eoscarson@schillerparkil.us.

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 2017 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 17.



Schiller Bark Park

SURFACE IMPROVED

Recently the Recreation Department completed an improvement project at the dog park which included adding drainage and improving the surface. Due to the high wear from constant usage and poor soil conditions, the park often became muddy and almost unusable during the winter and spring.

The Park Maintenance and Public Works crews worked together to install new drainage and a stone base. A contractor was then hired to install 3600 square feet of "Pet Grass" artificial turf. This is an antimicrobial low odor turf used in dog parks.

Now residents will be able to enjoy bringing your K9 friend to the Schiller Bark Park throughout the year. Your dog must have a Village dog tag to visit the park. These tags are available at Village Hall and the Recreation Center, remember to bring a current record of a rabies vaccination.



Before

After

2016 Halloween Howl

Come join us for an afternoon of fun at our Annual Halloween Howl! The event will be held at Lincoln Middle School on Saturday, October 29, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. There will be Games, Inflatables, a Magician, Hay Rides and Pony Rides (weather permitting). Children ages toddler to 10 will also receive a goody bag.



New Programs

The Recreation Department will be offering some new programs for the fall. We have a Tot Rock and Kid Rock program for children ages 12 months to 4 years old.

New Computer Explorer programs for children ages 4-12. Gears, Gears, Gears! CSI Crime Scene Investigation and more.

For Adults we have Adult Latin dance (Salsa, Meringue, Cha Cha, Samba and Bachata) and Ballroom dancing (Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Rhumba.)

And a Family "Archery Class"

Check out our Fall Brochure for more programs.

Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, September 15th and October 6th and 20th
and November 3rd 7:00 PM
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, September 13th and 27th
and October 11th and 25th 1:00 PM
Community Center

CPR Family & Friends Class

Saturday, September 17th 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Activity Center

Village Shred Event

Saturday, September 17th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Behind Village Hall

Property After Death Seminar

Wednesday, September 21st 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Community Center

Community Flu Shots

Thursday, October 13th 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Community Center

5K Dog Run/Walk

Saturday, October 15th 10:00 AM
Starts @ Metra Station

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 18th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Center

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 22nd 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Rear of Police Station & Firehouse

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, October 22nd Noon – 3:00 PM
Irving Park Firehouse

Halloween Howl

Saturday, October 29th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Lincoln Middle School

Pumpkin Smash

Friday, November 4th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Behind Village Hall

Veterans Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 6th 9:00 AM – 12 Noon
Community Center

Street Sweeping

September 12-13 and September 26-27
(Monday – Even Addresses, Tuesday – Odd Addresses)
October 10-11 and October 24-25
(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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MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD



Make A Difference Day Saturday 10-22-2016

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY is the largest national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.

ATTENTION SENIORS & PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES in Schiller Park

Need a Helping Hand with some chores?

Mayor Barbara Piltaver and the Village of Schiller Park will again be hosting the 9th Annual Make a Difference Day On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016**, in an effort to help those in need. Currently, volunteers are being organized to help out with any of the items listed below between the hours of **9 am to 1 pm**.

TO ALL RESIDENTS—We will also be collecting non-perishable food items to help support the Leyden Food Pantry. Call 847-671-8502 for Pickup or drop off your items at Village Hall between 9 am and Noon. Mark the bags Make a Difference Day or attach this flyer and place outside your door by 9 am. They will be picked up by 4 pm. Help a good cause!

- General House Cleaning
- Minor Repairs (within our scope of expertise)
- Any other request that you may need assistance with
- Grass Cutting
- Raking of Leaves
- Cleaning up around yard
- Running Errands
- Grocery Shopping

CALL THE NUMBER AT THE RIGHT AND
SIGN UP TO SCHEDULE A VOLUNTEER
TO HELP YOU THAT DAY or to Volunteer.



**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

**Call 847-671-8502
for info and to
schedule help.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Call 847-671-8502**