



Mayor's Update

The first day of spring will soon be upon us and with that brings, hopefully, warmer weather. I hope that everyone has a village calendar and plans to attend some of the upcoming events that will be popping up, like the Easter Egg hunt on March 26th and the

6th Annual Tea Party on April 23rd. We'd love to see new faces. And speaking of faces, I recently hosted my annual Senior breakfast and was so happy to see over 150 smiling seniors attend. We had a great time and they enjoyed the comic routine of Vito Zatto. Long time residents of Schiller Park have always been part of the backbone of our community. It's always a pleasure recognizing them and showing our gratitude for their contributions to our village.

MOVING FORWARD - As I've mentioned in previous Schillergrams, the Village has contracted a planning company to help us with our Comprehensive Plan. In the next couple of months, we will begin the process of analyzing what we have, what we need and how we can move the village forward. The public will play a big part in this planning process, so please watch for updates and meetings that will be planned very soon.

O'HARE UPDATE - You may or may not have seen the announcement that Chicago is moving forward with the construction of a new northern runway. Although many might groan at the thought, this may not be a bad thing for Schiller Park. Many of our residents suffer on a daily basis with noise from the two east west runways that are used a good portion of the time. With the construction of a new northern runway, this would give the air traffic controllers another runway to route planes, which could ease the burden on the two runways that affect Schiller Park. However, I move with caution when it comes to dealing with airport plans. I've also made it clear to Chicago that I will continue my fight to receive further soundproofing for Schiller Park and improved soundproofing for those who received it over twenty years ago. There also has been legislation introduced and supported by several state representatives that would give tax credits to those who install soundproofing on their own in their homes.

In addition, I've been involved in working on the new Fly-Quiet nighttime noise program. It is moving forward, but again, I'm cautious and making sure the schedule they come up with will be beneficial to our area. Chicago and the FAA hope to start a trial period this summer and will be looking for feedback from residents to see if they notice any difference when the program is in place.

ADMINISTRATION - The upcoming couple of months will prove to be busy administration wise and we will all be working diligently on a new fiscal budget. All preliminary reports show that we will have a balanced budget showing the fiscal responsibility we've strived for and achieved.

INFO - There has been several reports of telephone scams going on in the village, particularly those involving IRS calls. I cannot emphasize enough; THESE ARE SCAMS - Do NOT engage in conversation with these callers even if they convincingly try to make you believe you owe money or you are going to go to jail or you're going to be arrested. The IRS will NEVER call you for money. If you receive one of these calls, hang up and let the SP police department know. Be suspicious of any calls where you are asked to send money, especially by wire transfer or money order. These scammers can be very convincing, but if you are unsure, call the police.

Another scam is when someone comes to your door and claims to be a utility worker telling you they need to show you something in your yard that has to be repaired or replaced. While you go out to speak with them, another person breaks in, usually through the front door, and burglarizes the home. Again, if you are unsure of anyone who comes to your door, call the police. If the person claiming to be a utility worker or repair person is who they say they are, they will remain on the premises. Don't ever be hesitant to call the police and ask for assistance.

On another subject, please utilize the recycling flyer that is included in this Schillergram. The Village saves money by having residents recycle and having less garbage, but the recycling bins should only have recycling materials that are accepted. Read the flyer to see what is acceptable and what is not.

As winter melts around us and spring starts to emerge, I'm asking residents' cooperation in helping clean up our Village. We will be scheduling another clean-up day in the village in April (which I hope many of you will take part in), but for now, if you see litter laying around your own property or around town while you take a walk, please do your best to pick it up and dispose of it. If everyone picked up just one or two pieces of garbage a day in town, we'd have a much cleaner village. A cleaner village not only looks better, but helps keep property values up.

Have a wonderful Easter season everyone. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office or email me. I'm more than happy to speak with you.

Working for you with a Vision.

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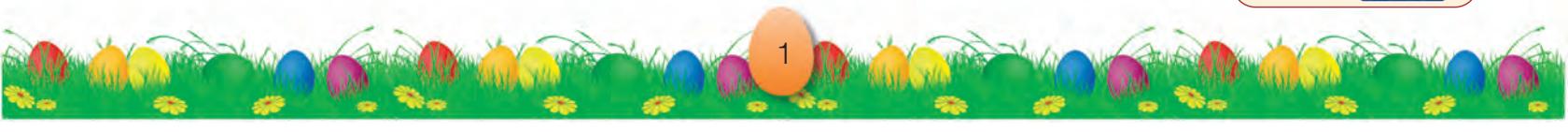
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Schiller Park February Blood Drive Report



Schiller Park had another successful blood drive on February 16 collecting 31 units of blood. One donor contributed the “Double Red Blood Cell” donation which equals 2 units.

There were four donors that reached milestones. Marsha Bernacki, Marilyn Golden and Toula Anastos who all reached the one gallon mark and Jolene McKas who reached the 2 gallon mark.

Brownie Troop #41499 (Isabella Yorty, Sophia Bernero, and Marissa Christakos) and Daisy Troop #45202 (Olivia Yorty and Taylor Smith) of St. Maria Goretti baked the treats for all who attended. Volunteer Melody Kusiak and proud grandma to one of the Brownies brought Liborio’s pizza. The Troops also helped bring the refreshments to the donors and presented them with the “I Love Donating Blood” stickers after they were given a tour by one of the Lifesource Staff. They enjoyed learning all about blood donations and especially helping out afterwards.



The following donors won prizes from the raffle. Dennis McMillian won a bag of Fratelli Gourmet Coffee from Fratelli Coffee Company located at 4936 N. River Road in Schiller Park. Thomas Stepek won a \$25 gift certificate from Christy’s Restaurant and Pancake House, 200 E. Irving Park Road in Wood Dale and Gwen Cooper won 2 free movie passes from the Bensenville Theatre, 9 S. Center Street in Bensenville.

The next blood drive will be held on **Tuesday, April 19 from 1 to 7 pm at the Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue in Schiller Park.** We hope to see more people come out and donate and help save lives!

SOME BLOODY FACTS!

One pint of blood can help support the lives of up to 3 patients in need. A complex heart surgery may use as much as six pints of red blood cells and six pints of platelets. A liver transplant patient may use as much as 40 pints of red blood cells, 30 pints of platelets, 20 bags or cryoprecipitate and 25 pints of fresh frozen plasma.

Those with an O negative blood type are the universal red blood cell donors. Only 7% of the population has type O negative blood, and it can be transfused to any blood type in an emergency, however, O negative blood types can only receive O negative blood.

Blood makes up about 7% of your body’s weight. An adult of average weight has about 10 to 12 pints of blood.

LOCAL BUSINESS AND THEIR HOBBY

J & M Auto Repair in Schiller Park on Irving Park Road not only serves local residents with their car repair needs, but the owner’s son, Anthony Manna, participates in an interesting hobby. They own a 1998 Camaro drag car that they recently took to a drag race at the South Georgia Motorsports Park. His car, according to a fan, is powered by an AES twin turbo 427 LSX and he was running times of 4:22 at 180 mph. Apparently, he gave some of the best drag racers of the country serious competition.

This just goes to show you some of the interesting hobbies you may not know about from some of our business owners. I’m sure if anyone stopped by J & M Auto, Anthony, who now runs the shop for his father, would be happy to show you his car and talk about his passion. Congratulations Anthony, good luck in future races and thank you for being a long time Schiller Park business owner with your dad!



St. Maria Goretti school children pose with Assistant Commander Tom Henn after he presented the class with a talk about how to stay safe and handle bullying.

New Registration →

St. Maria Goretti School Leading the Way

New Registration for Pre-K – Eighth Grades Open on 3/14/16

Are you looking for the best possible Catholic education for your child? St. Maria Goretti School, located at 10050 Ivanhoe Avenue, Schiller Park, is accepting new registration for its Pre-K through 8th grade classes, beginning March 14, 2016.

Did you know that St. Maria Goretti School is affordable and offers an excellent academic program with achievement test scores that exceed national averages, in every subject at every grade level, as well as providing daily religion classes? Enrichment programs of computers, physical education, library, music, language, drama and art are also built into the curriculum.

Besides a strong academic program, in which letter grades and percentile averages are shared with parents, extracurricular opportunities are also available. Students in grades 4-8 may participate in a competitive athletic program, which offers basketball, volleyball, and cheerleading. Other extracurricular activities include: Student Council, National Junior Beta Club, Chess Club, and Girl Scouts.

In a beautiful child-centered environment attached to the school, a 12 month Children's Center facility is available. Students, age 3 and older, will be able to utilize the Children's Center, five days per week, before or after school, on school days off, and at summer camp from 6:30 AM-6:00 PM. You can leave for work in the morning, knowing that your child is well taken care of until you come home in the evening!

Please feel free to call for more registration information (847) 678-2560 or to schedule an appointment to meet with the principal and visit the school. Those registering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students must present a birth certificate at time of registration. Plan to register early. Waiting lists are made when class sizes reach their limit.

Schiller Park Invites Residents to Participate in Earth Hour!

Last year Earth Hour was able to achieve an all-time record with over 7,000 cities in 172 countries turning off their lights in support of climate change action. This year marks Earth Hour's 10th anniversary and we hope you will join us this year on **March 19th at 8:30 PM**, to make the impact stronger than ever.

Earth Hour 2016 comes at a critical point. This past December world leaders from almost 200 countries converged in Paris to develop a strategy to combat climate change. With that summit came a global agreement to make climate change action an international priority. Cities are at the forefront of climate action and can inspire and empower progress through influence and citizenship. Earth Hour is a great opportunity to bring individuals and businesses together to support the environmental actions your community is taking.

It is up to us to keep the momentum going for climate change action.

Help us make 2016 a landmark year and serve as a powerful symbol in the movement. Turn off all non-essential lights on **March 19th from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM** in your home and encourage businesses and residents to take part as well.

The world is ready for climate action. We hope you will turn off your lights for one hour on March 19th, 2016.

Saint Beatrice Sponsors Charity Donations to Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVDP BUNDLE WEEKEND

St. Beatrice Church will be sponsoring a "Bundle Weekend" to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A trailer will be placed on Friday, March 25 at the church located on Wagner Avenue and will be picked up at Monday, March 28. This is a great opportunity for everyone to do a bit of spring cleaning and bring items for St. Vincent de Paul's thrift stores and emergency voucher programs. All items donated are tax deductible and there will be tax receipts available to take when you drop off your items. Donations are vital to keeping their thrift stores running and actively supporting their mission.

ITEMS that are ACCEPTED are: Microwaves, coffee makers, blenders, mixers, can openers, stereo equipment, speakers, musical instruments, radios, clocks and clock radios, pots and pans, china and silverware, figurines, jewelry, men's and women's clothing, kids clothing 6 years old +.

Regretfully they CANNOT accept:

- Baby car seats, cribs, strollers, baby bedding and accessories
- Office furniture: desks, file cabinets
- Computers, monitors, printers, scanners
- Exercise equipment: stationary bikes, weights, treadmills
- Large appliances: refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dishwashers, dryers
- Luggage, garment or gym bags
- Mattresses or box springs: sleeper sofas, futons
- Musical instruments: pianos, organs
- Large riding and/or plastic toys
- Stuffed animals and Toys

Large items such as, kitchen table and chairs, dining table and chairs, cocktail and end tables, sofas, recliners, living room chairs, dressers and Chester drawers should be dropped off at their Schiller Park location at 10525 Delta Parkway, Schiller Park. Visit their website at www.svd-pchicago.org for store hours and more information.

Please keep in mind that all donations should be gently used, clean, and in working condition.

Help a wonderful organization and donate that weekend!



Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Department will again be offering its popular day camp program for children ages 5 to 13 years old. Children enjoy field trips, visiting the pool, theme days, arts and crafts, and many more activities. A swim lesson option is available for those parents interested in having their children attend lessons during the morning. For more information please contact the Recreation Department by calling (847) 671-8580.



Police Chief's Corner

Interim Chief of police — **George Carpenter**



Teach Your Child How to Dial 9-1-1

We all read the occasional heart-warming story about a young child who called 9-1-1 to save their parent or sibling when no one else was able to make the call. Here are suggestions to help ensure that your child knows how to make this call if necessary.

Teach your child the appropriate circumstance in which to call 9-1-1.

Teach your child not to be afraid to call 9-1-1 in the emergency.

Teach your child to dial “Nine, One, One”; never teach them to dial “Nine Eleven” because in an emergency they may look for the number eleven on the dial.

Teach your child your last name, your home address and phone number. List this information near the phone.

Teach your child to always call from a safe location. If the house is on fire, get out and call from a nearby phone.

Teach your child that the telephone is not a toy and they should only dial 9-1-1 in a real emergency.

Please teach your child how to call on both your home phone and your cell phone. Parents, when your old cell phone has no service, if charged it is still capable of calling 9-1-1.



Hang Up on Phone Scams!

Schiller Park has experienced several telephone scams since the last issue of the Schillergram. When someone you do not know calls and asks that you send money to help a relative, or for an IRS fine you allegedly owe, or something out of the ordinary, there is only one thing to do...Hang Up!



Scammers invent a wide variety of creative strategies to separate you from your money. Elderly people are more vulnerable because they are often more trusting. Scammers can be very friendly and call you by your first name, asking about your family or claiming to work for a reputable company. If a caller pressures you or asks you to provide a social security number or credit card number, there is only one thing to do...Hang Up!

Delete E-Mail Scams!

E-mail messages from people you do not know, that offer to send you a check so you can pay their bills or their mother's bills, and tell you to keep what is left over for your 'fee', should simply be deleted. This is a scam that will separate you from your money because the 'certified' check they send, and you deposit into your account, is worthless. This means the money you used to pay



those bills was from your own account and the bank will not issue a refund. Emails saying you won a foreign lottery, when you know you didn't buy a ticket for a foreign lottery, should also be deleted. Very often the Delete button is the most important button on your keyboard!

If you feel you have been a victim of any of these or similar scams, please report it to the Schiller Park Police Department right away. Below is a list of websites to obtain more information or to file a complaint with other investigative agencies.

Internet Crime Complaint Center

<http://www.ic3.gov/>

Identity Protection from the IRS

<https://www.irs.gov/Help-&-Resources>

What to do if you're a victim

<https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

2016 Easter Egg Hunt



Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at the annual Village Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26 beginning at 11:00 a.m. All boys and girls are invited to the Kennedy Park field to hunt for eggs and candy left by the Easter Bunny! Please bring a basket for all your goodies. This is a free event for all Schiller Park residents. Hope to see you there!

The 6th Annual Tea Party
is sponsored by the Historical Society.
Saturday April 23rd

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM • Community Center

Please call
(847) 671-8513

for details and to reserve a spot at the event.

Deadline is, April 1st
to reserve a place.

Around Town Community Development News

New Businesses in Schiller Park!

Community Development is excited to announce the opening of a new locally owned business to the Village of Schiller Park. Sway Bar has moved into the old Rosebud Liquors location—and after a long remodel has opened brand new at 9420 Irving Park Rd. Sway Bar offers a special option for locals from one of our very own residents! Stop in for an excellent bloody mary bar and craft beers. Other new businesses include Jimmy's Towing — a private tow company operating out of Katt's Automotive at 9350 Irving Park Rd and Point Five Packaging, LLC at 9435 River St.

Fire Department News

If You Care Don't Share



The Schiller Park Fire and Police Departments have co-sponsored several Prescription Pill Take Back events over the last few years. We are working on having a regular site available here in Schiller Park.

Prescription drug misuse is a growing national problem. Prescription drugs are misused and abused more often than any other drug except marijuana and alcohol. If medication is taken in a way that is different from what the doctor prescribed, it is considered abuse. Prescription drug abuse includes:

Taking a medication that was prescribed for someone else

Taking larger doses than you are supposed to (this might be crushing tablets and snorting or injecting them).

Using the medicine for another purpose, such as getting high.

The next Prescription Pill Take Back Day is Saturday April 30th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the rear of the Irving Park Firehouse, while we are still working on the prospect of starting an on-going on-site drop-off location.

Flying Your Drone



Many individuals may have received flying drones as gifts or bought them outright. If you purchased one and live in Schiller Park please be aware of several regulations pertaining to them (Schiller Park currently has no regulations). Because of the proximity of Schiller Park to O'Hare International Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), strongly discourages anyone from flying a drone anywhere within a 5 mile radius of the airport.

As of December 21, 2015, the FAA also requires each drone to be registered via its website. Registration costs \$5 and is valid for three years.

If drone operators don't register their unmanned aircraft systems, the FAA says they can face civil penalties up to \$27,500 and criminal penalties up to \$250,000 fine and/or up to three years in prison.

The FAA advises that drones remain in eyesight at all times, and never be flown above 400 feet off the ground.

Is Your Heart Healthy



Every month is Heart Healthy Awareness month for each of us. Our Fire Department wants to remind everyone of the training we offer here. We also want to impress the importance of heart health and how to handle a cardiac emergency.

Our department feels it is of such importance to understand how to handle a cardiac emergency that we are hosting a special brand-new course called Family & Friends! It is a non-certifying class that teaches how to use the techniques involved in CPR. This could be useful to new parents, younger children/teenagers, or anyone who wants to be able to help in an emergency but does not necessarily want to be certified or upkeep a certification. The class will be held at 9:00 AM on June 4th at the Activity Center, next door to the Recreation Center. The cost is \$5.00 per person.



Village Helps Flint, Michigan with Bottled Water

The Schiller Park Fire Department on behalf of the Village has donated almost 2 pallets of bottled water to the residents of Flint, Michigan. Residents there recently found out that their drinking water was contaminated with lead that is presumed to come from the pipes in the water delivery system. The problem will probably last until at least next year according to the EPA. Schiller Park is fortunate to have available our drinking water from Lake Michigan delivered through Chicago. As noted in the Schillergram yearly, Schiller Park does quality control checks of its water and publishes those results. Because the problems in Flint will continue, we will make another donation of water in the near future.

9-1-1 Dispatch



The Illinois Legislators passed a law in 2015 requiring the consolidation of 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers and 9-1-1 Telephone Boards. A plan must be submitted to the Illinois State Police, who are overseeing the consolidation process, by July 1, 2016. Each municipality will then have until July 1, 2017 to implement the plan. Our current 9-1-1 Board has been active for the last several months in looking at the options for Schiller Park dispatching of both Police and Fire Departments. Our current dispatch center equipment is nearing the end of life cycle and our population does not meet the threshold set by the State. We hope to have our plan ready for submission prior to July 1st.

The State also implemented a new law effective January 1, 2016 that requires persons who intentionally call 9-1-1 without a legitimate reason can be fined up to \$10,000 to reimburse local governments to recover associated costs. This is not intended to have persons not use 9-1-1 if an emergency exists but rather to curb repeated abuses and dialing and hanging up without a valid reason.

Help Us Find You When Seconds Count

The Schiller Park Fire and Police Departments ask for your help in making sure that your address is visible from the street and properly displayed. The Village Code, Sec. 96.126, requires all addresses to be a minimum of 2 1/2 inches tall. We request that the numbers be on a contrasting background for higher recognition. If at all possible at night turn on an outside porch light to help identify location.

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Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, March 17th and April 7th and 21st and May 5th
7:00 PM

Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, March 8th and 22nd and April 12th and 26th
1:00 PM

Community Center

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 AM

Set Clocks Forward & Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 AM
Kennedy Park

Branch Pickup Begins

Monday, March 28th

Put Branches at Curb Sunday Evening
Every Monday Until November

Yard Waste Pickup Begins

Friday, April 1st

Put Out in Cans Marked "Yard Waste" or in Paper Bags
Every Friday Until November

Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 19th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Center

6th Annual Tea Party

Saturday, April 23rd 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Community Center

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 30th 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Rear of Irving Firehouse

Street Sweeping

March 28-29 (Monday – Even Addresses,
Tuesday – Odd Addresses)

April 11-12 and April 25-26 (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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Fire Department News *Continued from page 3*

If interested, you can register for this course starting March 1st at the Recreation Center at 9638 Irving Park Road.

The department also wants to remind everyone that on the third Thursday of every month, the Fire Department teaches HeartSaver CPR classes. The cost for residents is \$25 and \$35 for non-residents. We also provide HealthCare Provider CPR classes for those that need certification in their field. The next HealthCare Provider course will be held on 5/12/16. All of these classes are hosted at the Recreation Center here in Schiller Park.

The American Heart Association shows every year the statistics that prove the importance of immediate CPR or use of AED's when a cardiac event happens. The Fire Department wants to help share this important information. This month, as we did last year, we will be visiting Lincoln Middle School to discuss and demonstrate CPR with the 7th grade students. They will hear first-hand from a survivor how immediate recognition saved his life, and also get to practice chest compressions on CPR dummies.

If you have any questions about the classes offered here, feel free to call the Fire Department. Don't miss out on all these great opportunities to learn how to help save a life!

Help Assist Emergency Responders



The Schiller Park Fire Department is part of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) which provides assistance to and from other area fire departments. Schiller Park has been a member since the 1970's and MABAS is the model used by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for large scale incidents where multiple agencies may respond and work together.

When incidents occur that may be extended operations, the Schiller Park Fire Department requests the assistance of two organizations to help out The Metropolitan Emergency Support Services (M.E.S.S. and Bellwood Emergency Management). Both organizations are run by VOLUNTEERS to assist in non-firefighting duties.

These two organizations are staffed by volunteers who respond to the scene when requested. The Metropolitan Emergency Support Services, MESS, provides refreshments and food to 1st responders during the longer duration incidents. They provide, coffee, water, portable toilet, tea, Gatorade and food stuffs on scene. We sometimes forget at these incidents that there are still basic human needs that need to be fulfilled. The Schiller Park Fire Department supports M.E.S.S. and ask that if you have an interest in volunteering or want more information to check out their website at www.mess-chi.org. Let them know that you support their mission and our department.

The second organization is the Bellwood Emergency Services. This group is also made up of volunteers and are a part of the Office of Emergency Management. They respond when requested with a Communication Bus, a light tower, have traffic control appliances and a rehabilitation van among other equipment. They operate from two stations in Bellwood and respond to all departments within our MABAS division, 17 municipalities, who request them. They train on their tools and equipment regularly and are an asset when needed. Bellwood Emergency Services provides auxiliary personnel support and equipment. For further information you can contact Mark Walsh, Director at (708) 547-3531. Let them know that you support their mission and our department.