

Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Mayor's Update

Hello Schiller Park Residents!

Well we got through January and February with no snow. In fact, the National Weather Service said that this is the first time since records have been kept in the 146 year history that there has been no measurable snow in both months. So maybe the Cubs started a trend in breaking hundred year old records. Anyway, it was nice to have no snow and a taste of some beautiful weather.

Just to give you an update on some things happening in Village Hall. Our Finance Director and Village Manager are working hard with Department Heads and staff preparing our draft fiscal budget. The Village Board and staff will be holding budget meetings in early March to finalize the numbers. Planning for the future, especially capital improvement projects to improve aging infrastructure, roads and flooding problems is a high priority.

The BIG news is our Comprehensive Plan. This project has been taking shape for over a year now and we just recently held our second public forum to lay out the draft plan. You can see from the pictures that plans are being drafted for great development proposals that would transform our town for future generations to come.

Ginkgo, who is compiling our Comprehensive Plan for us with input from committees and staff, is looking for further input before the final document is presented to the public. We encourage residents to visit our website to view the ideas for the future of Schiller Park. If you wish to add any comments in regards to the plan, please contact Zerin (the project lead) you can email her at fzerin@ginkgoplaning.com. You can also visit the Comprehensive Plan website at <http://schillerpark.civicpage.com/>.



And finally, spring brings the planning for our annual sidewalk replacement program. Our crews will be out inspecting our village sidewalks for hazardous conditions and substantial damage. However, if you have a sidewalk that you feel needs replacement, please feel free to bring it to our attention. Public Works will certainly be happy to inspect it to see if it should be replaced. Go to our website at www.villageofschillerpark.com and click the "How Do I..." tab. Go to "Submit" and click on "Village Comments or Questions. Otherwise you may call Brian Bursiek, Assistant Village Manager at 847-671-8534 or bbursiek@schillerparkil.us to report your concern.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming events such as the Historical Society Open House (Saturday 3/18) and the Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday 4/15). Have a wonderful Easter everyone.

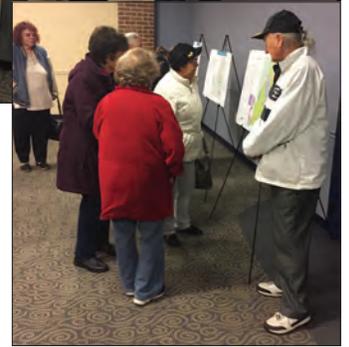
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Counterfeit Currency Scams

While the counterfeiting business used to require expensive equipment and be specialized, these days, it's easy for anyone with a computer, scanner, and printer to produce 'funny money.' And that's just what's happening in the United States. With advancements in technology, today's inkjet and laser printers can produce high quality replications of United States Currency (bills).

With the proliferation of online sales on platforms such as Craig's List, come new challenges. There has recently been an increase in unscrupulous individuals who prey on online sellers of merchandise. Here is how it transpires. An ad is placed online by someone looking to sell an unneeded item in their possession. A meeting is set up in a public place in order to complete the transaction. Since the average seller does not have counterfeit currency detection pens or the knowledge of what to look for in fake bills,



the buyer pays the seller for the merchandise in counterfeit bills.

Whether you are selling your expensive item, a normal customer taking your change at a store, or you are the owner or clerk accepting cash in a business, you need to be

aware of the counterfeiting problem. As you can fathom these days, it is easy for anyone to print counterfeit bills; additionally, there are more sophisticated counterfeiters who are actually bleaching off the ink from authentic bills and printing higher denominations onto the genuine paper.

So, be suspicious! Take time to look at and feel the money you receive. Bogus bills are a growing problem, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself:

One of the simplest suggestions, but typically not done, is to make sure the bills tendered do not all have the same serial numbers.

One feature easily recognizable and unable to easily be duplicated on bills ten dollars and higher is color-shifting ink on the numeral on the front lower right corner of the note. Rotated a certain way in the light, the number will shift from either copper to green or green to black, depending on the denomination.

Compare the feel and texture of the paper with other bills you know are authentic. All Federal Reserve Notes are printed on cotton and linen paper not sold to the public. The paper also has red and blue embedded threads woven through the fabric. Run your fingernail over the portrait's vest of the bill. You should feel distinctive ridges.

Hold the bill up to a light to view the watermark in the unprinted space to the right of the portrait. The watermark can be seen from both sides of the bill since it is not printed on the bill; but in fact is imbedded in the paper. On many new bills, the watermark is a replica of the face on the bill (i.e. Franklin, Grant, or Jackson). Both facial images should match.

Hold the bill up to a light to view the security thread. You will see a thin imbedded strip running from top to bottom on the face of a banknote. In the \$10 and \$50 bills, the security strip is located to the right of the portrait. In the \$5, \$20 and \$100 bills, it is located just to the left of the portrait.

Examine the micro-printing. This includes small words or numbers that are hardly visible to the naked eye and cannot be read without a

Fire Department News



Fire Department Celebrates 50th Anniversary in 2017

The fire service has certainly evolved over the course of history. Schiller Park's history is no different. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Schiller Park Fire Department. In honor of the occasion, the department is hosting a celebration at the Irving Park Firehouse on **Saturday May 6th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Come out and join us for a small ceremony followed by some lunch, cake, and ice cream! There will also be a live band and of course fire department equipment! There will be plenty to see as we show the transformation throughout our history of the department. We'd love to see you all out there to help us celebrate!

Reminder – Free Smoke Alarm Program

The Schiller Park Fire Department would like to send out a reminder! This spring, we are partnering with the American Red Cross to help our community become safer. Through the American Red Cross' Home Fire Campaign, FREE smoke alarms will be given and



installed for anyone who is interested in our town. The installation is part of the program and is also a free service. Dates to choose from for installation are April 1st, April 8th, or April 15th. This must be a scheduled appointment and you can do so through the village. Either stop by Village Hall and fill out the request form, or go to the village website at www.villageofschillerpark.com. Sign-up will continue up to these dates so don't miss out on this great opportunity at keeping you homes and families safer! Hearing impaired alarms are available for order. Smoke alarms can help save lives and no home should be without one!

Fire Department Awarded Two Public Safety Grants

The Schiller Park Fire Department diligently works on writing grants to help assist in taking the financial burden off the taxpayer for equipment and programs. These grant requests are for equipment and training aides that will not only assist our firefighters do their jobs but also allow the Fire Department to teach our residents and businesses fire safety.

The Schiller Park Fire Department is proud to announce the recent awarding of two grants. The first Grant awarded is from the "Powering Safe Communities" program sponsored by Commonwealth Edison and administered by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. This grant award is in the amount of \$8,914.00 for the purchase of a Digital Fire Extinguisher Training System. This system will be utilized to train Firefighters, residents, school teachers and staff, middle school children and businesses of the community. Further details will be released soon on how to schedule groups for fire extinguisher training.

Our second grant award is from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assistance Fund Grant program. This grant award is in the amount of \$2,435.00 for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This AED will be placed in service on the fire departments Battalion Chiefs car. The Battalion Chiefs vehicle is an emergency response vehicle but not an EMS equipped vehicle. The AED will allow the Battalion Chief to administer critical life saving measures prior to the arrival of an ambulance should he be first on the scene of a person in cardiac arrest.

The Schiller Park Fire Department continues to apply for grants on a regular basis as they become available. We are currently waiting to hear from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on our request to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

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magnifying glass. Counterfeits with micro-printing tend to have blurred letters or numbers. On a genuine bill, the micro-printing will be crisp and clear.

If you notice blurry borders, printing, or text, this should be an automatic red flag.

That's it. If a bill looks and feels like a U.S. bank note; has color-shifting ink; has a watermark that matches the portrait; and has a security thread with text that matches the denomination, then it's almost certainly a genuine bill.

Remember, if you are passed a counterfeit bill, you own it. You will not be reimbursed. So when accepting cash, it pays to be knowledgeable about the crime of counterfeiting. If you believe you are receiving or have received a counterfeit bill, call the police.

Public Works UPDATE

BRANCH COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 3RD

Branch pickup services are provided by the Village Public Works Department during the spring, summer, and fall. Public Works begins the process of picking up branches on Monday mornings starting at 7:00 AM. In order to ensure your branches are picked up please leave them at the curb before 7:00 AM on Monday. The amount of time the branch pickup process takes varies and sometimes is not finished until Tuesday so please be patient. The branches are turned into woodchips which are used in various projects throughout the Village. They are also made available to residents and businesses. If you need woodchips you may request some from Public Works by calling (847) 671-8554.



STREET SWEEPING BEGINS APRIL 10TH

The Village sweeps all the streets in town twice per month during the period April - November. The sweeping is done on the second and fourth Monday and Tuesday of the month. The sweeping occurs on Monday-Tuesday with even numbered side of the street being swept on Monday and the odd numbered side of the street being swept on Tuesday. Signs are posted on each block that prohibit parking on the side of the street that will be swept that day. Please cutout the sweeping schedule contained elsewhere in this newsletter and/or use the free Village wall calendar for guidance about the sweeping days each month. Failure to obey these signs may result in a parking citation.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 7th

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.

POTHOLE SEASON IS HERE!



Winter is finally over but unfortunately the results of all that snow and ice are the potholes left behind. Potholes are caused by moisture getting below the road surface and expanding as it freezes. Please be aware and drive accordingly. The Public Works Department will be working diligently to patch potholes on Village maintained roads but if you find them first please

report them to the Director's office at 847-671-8554. Potholes found on state roads (Irving Park, Manheim, Lawrence and River) should be reported to IDOT at 847-705-4227.

Board of Health February Blood Drive Results



The Village of Schiller Park in partnership with Life Source held another successful blood drive on February 21. Along with having 36 people participate, 6 of those people were new donors. 3 donors contributed Double-Red type donations equivalent to 6 units of blood which brought the total amount of units of blood collected to 37. 5 people were deferred.

Congratulations to Michael Widuch who reached a 1 Gallon milestone.

Raffle prizes were awarded to several participants. Gwen Cooper won a \$15 gift certificate from the **Great Escape Restaurant** at 9540 Irving Park Road in Schiller Park, Emelin Perez won a \$10 gift certificate from **AI & Andy's Restaurant** at 9724 Irving Park Road in Schiller Park, and Javier Gonzalez won a \$10 gift certificate from **Tacos Locos**, 4732 River Road in Schiller Park.

Refreshments were provided by volunteers Bonnie Gardeck, Melody Kusiak, JoAnn Michonski and the LifeSource Staff.

The blood drive had a cheerleading squad there in the form of Brownie Troop #41499 and Daisy Troop #45202 who stood outside holding signs encouraging people to donate blood. They also helped with refreshments and had Girl Scout cookies available for purchase.

The next blood drive will be held on April 18 at the Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue in Schiller Park from 1 pm to 7 pm. Mark your calendars and help save lives!

Village Mobile App Reminder



Our Village App for Smartphones remains available to download for free!

We have a download link for the Mobile Phone App on our Schiller Park website, located under the "Business" tab. There is a link to the download page for both Android and Apple phones. You may also search for "Schiller Park" in the Apple "App Store" or the Android "Google Play" store. Once you download the app to your mobile device you will have access to our local directory, news, events, and to the Mayor Piltaver Featured Coupons of the Month featuring local businesses!

This free smartphone application allows residents to read local news articles and get reminders of local information and events at the touch of a button! The app also allows residents to make service requests like reporting the lack of garbage pickup or to notify the village of a pothole on your street. You can even attach a photo of that pothole, perhaps taken on your phone, to your service request! In addition to requesting services, there's also a section to ask questions and receive immediate feedback without having to call the Village.

This App makes it easier to contact the village for issues and questions and keep residents up to date regarding our local events and news! Please consider downloading the app today and please feel free to call the Village if you are interested in placing a coupon on the app for your business.

Schiller Park Historical Society Open House!

The Schiller Park Historical Society will host its 27th Anniversary Open House, Saturday, March 18, 1 - 3 p.m., 4200 Old River Road, lower level of Library. The theme is "Depression Days" and will include implements and photos of that era. Also, this is a once-in-a-time opportunity to see the recently discovered grave stones of the Alexander Robinson Family and visit with a Robinson descendant. Bring the entire family, learn about our town. The coffee pot will be on!





Village Street Sweeping Program Resumes in April

Starting on April 10, 2017 the Village resumes its street sweeping program. This is the eighth year of the private contractor program with the change being made to save money (an estimated \$650,000 already) increase efficiency, minimize the parking restrictions, and increase the reliability of the service.

The two (2) day schedule provides for sweeping the **even numbered addresses side of each street on Monday** and **odd numbered addresses side on Tuesdays**. Additionally a sweep of town is done only two (2) times per month (**the 2nd and 4th Monday and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, April through October with one last sweep in November**). In other words if your home has an even numbered address the edge of the street directly in front of your home will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month and the opposite side of your street will be swept on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Finally the sweeping hours will be expanded to 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM instead of the current 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

IN SHORT, THERE ARE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON VILLAGE STREETS ONLY ON MONDAYS (EVEN #) AND TUESDAYS (ODD #) DURING THE 2ND AND 4TH WEEKS OF THE MONTH. THE SCHEDULE SHOWING THE SWEEPING DATES FOR THIS COMING SEASON IS SHOWN IN A HANDY CUT OUT FORMAT IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



As noted above, the sweeping is now done by a private contractor and since the private contractor has a number of sweepers available it can eliminate the delays and missed sweeps the Village experienced in the last years of the old program due to mechanical difficulties with the sole Village sweeper. This has resulted in the increased reliability of the sweeping service.

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

AT&T U-Verse Not Available Everywhere

The Village has received some inquiries from residents that are being told by AT&T that their address cannot get the U-Verse cable TV product. Unfortunately this is accurate, as AT&T is not required to offer U-Verse to every address in town. If you are told this by AT&T and are still interested in trying to get U-Verse offered to your residence, the Village is happy to pass along your interest to our AT&T Governmental Affairs contact. She can then help push AT&T to consider expanding their service to a larger area. AT&T has also asked the Village to indicate that they offer their DirecTV satellite TV product everywhere in town even if you cannot get U-Verse. Of course, Comcast remains another option for those wanting a Cable TV product and/or Internet Access.

2017 Street Sweeping Schedule

The Village of Schiller Park is offering this handy STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE to help you remember when street sweeping will take place for your address. Cut it out and place in a visible location.

Another suggestion – If you have the ability to place alerts on your phone, take the time to enter your street sweeping days and set a reminder to remove your car on those dates. We DO NOT want to see our residents receive parking tickets on street sweeping day. We simply want to keep our streets clean and give all of our residents the benefit of a clean area in front of their homes. With your cooperation, we can accomplish this by having you remember to remove your car(s).

Also, if you see a neighbor who hasn't remembered to remove their vehicle, why not give them a friendly reminder? Or if an elderly person on your block isn't up to moving their car, see if you can help out in some way.

If we all work together, we can avoid unnecessary tickets and we'll have clean streets all around.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED COOPERATION!

2017 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE - VOSP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE YOUR CAR FROM THE STREET ON YOUR DESIGNATED SCHEDULED DAY

EVEN # ADDRESSES - MONDAYS

APRIL 10
APRIL 24
MAY 8
MAY 22
JUNE 12
JUNE 26
JULY 10
JULY 24
AUGUST 14
AUGUST 28
SEPTEMBER 11
SEPTEMBER 25
OCTOBER 9
OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 13

ODD # ADDRESSES - TUESDAYS

APRIL 11
APRIL 25
MAY 9
MAY 23
JUNE 13
JUNE 27
JULY 11
JULY 25
AUGUST 8
AUGUST 22
SEPTEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 10
OCTOBER 24
NOVEMBER 14

Police & Fire Departments
Launch Permanent
Drug Take-Back
Drop-Off Location at Police Station



Since 2014, the Schiller Park Police and Fire Departments together have participated in the annual “National Drug Take-Back Day” and have collected over 515lbs of unwanted and potentially dangerous drugs.

Responding to the popularity of this national program with residents, the Schiller Park Police Department has now become a permanent collection site for your unwanted or expired medications, and we invite all residents to take advantage of this new program on a regular basis.

The Police Department now has a drug collection box in the police station located in the rear of the village hall at 9526 W. Irving Park Road. The take-back program is free and residents may turn-in their unwanted drugs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week while remaining anonymous.

This program prevents abuse and theft, and accidental overdoses of both prescription and over the counter drugs by clearing homes of expired and unwanted drugs. It also prevents unwanted and potentially toxic drugs from being flushed down toilets or ending-up in landfills after being thrown into household trash.

The Police Department can accept medical-grade dry pills, tablets, caplets etc. in a container/wrapper or bottle. Loose, unpackaged pills/tablets cannot be placed in the drop box and must be placed in a bottle or some kind of secure container prior to being dropped in the receptacle. Acceptable items also include; prescription patches, packaged prescription samples, and over the counter pills/tablets, and solid vitamin tablets.

The following items however; **cannot** be accepted or placed in the receptacle:

- “Sharps;” syringes, needles, EpiPens® etc.,
- Liquids,
- Ointments/creams,
- Aerosols/inhalers,
- Thermometers,
- Medical waste,
- Food supplements,
- Illicit street-level drugs/narcotics

To turn-in your unwanted drugs, simply come into the police station any-time and tell the staff you have drugs you would like to dispose of and they will take your drugs with no questions asked.

For more information about the drug take-back program, you can call Commander Ed Ladonsky of the Police Department at 847-678-4794.



Recreation Department Offers
Egg Hunt at Kennedy Park

Come out and meet the Easter Bunny at the annual Village Easter Egg Hunt **Saturday, April 15 beginning at 11:00 a.m.** All boys and girls are invited to the Kennedy Park ballfield to hunt for eggs and goodies 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!

Schiller Park Community Garden

The Recreation Department is excited to announce that we will again be hosting a community garden in the Spring. Residents will have an opportunity to plant and maintain their own garden plot. Due to limited space, if we receive more interest than plots that are available then names will be drawn by lottery. To register you must reside in Schiller Park and be 18 or older or a child supervised by an adult. Planting will begin in May. For additional information or to put your name on the list, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580







Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, March 16th, April 6th and 20th, and May 4th
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom 7:00 PM

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 12th 2:00 AM
Set Clocks Forward and Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Historical Society Open House

Saturday, March 18th
Schiller Park Library 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, March 14th and 28th and April 11th and 25th
1:00 PM
Community Center

Branch Pickup Begins

Monday, April 3rd

Election Day

Tuesday, April 4th

Good Friday

Friday, April 14th
Village Offices Closed

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th 11:00 AM
Kennedy Park

Blood Drive

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

Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, April 10th Even Addresses and Tuesday April 11th Odd Addresses

Monday, April 24th Even Addresses and Tuesday April 25th Odd Addresses

Monday, May 8th Even Addresses and Tuesday May 9th 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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Recreation Department

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Summer Day Camp Offered

The Recreation Department offers a day camp program for children ages 2 to 13 years and a mini camp for children ages 2 ½ to 5. The camp is held at Lincoln School during the summer. Campers enjoy field trips, theme days, swimming, library programs, games and activities. They also visit local parks, the Fire Department and the Recreation Center. The day camp now offers optional swim lessons. For more information please call 847-671-8580.



Community Trip - Volo Auto Museum

Volo, IL • Sunday, April 23, 2017

Ages: 21 years & up

\$40.00 per person

Depart: 10:00 a.m. - Return: 4:00 p.m.



The Schiller Park Recreation Department is offering a co-op trip with the Park District of Franklin Park. Explore over 33 unique exhibits featuring hot rods, muscle cars, antiques, cars from TV shows & movies, and so much more. Shop around in their three antique malls for some souvenirs. Fee includes admission and transportation.

Senior Yoga Class

Day: Mondays

Dates: April 3 – May 22

Time: 12:00 – 12:45 PM

Fee: \$35 Res/\$40 Non-Res

Join your friends at the Community Center each week in a class designed to maintain healthy joints, strength, balance and coordination. Depending upon your ability, you can use a chair for balance or be free standing. For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 847-671-8580.

