

# Schillergram

## SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



### Mayor's Corner

The Village of Schiller Park came together on May 20, 2017 for a very special ceremony that will forever be a part of our history. It was my honor and privilege to speak to dignitaries, residents, family and friends of PV2 Randol Shelton, as we gathered to dedicate a ballfield in honor of a young man who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ballfield at Kennedy Park is now Shelton Field. It has a new name and a new identity that will forever honor the service, bravery and sacrifice of Randol Shelton. (See pages 3-4) On behalf of the Village of Schiller Park, we are proud to call him one of our own.

The past two months have been busy for Schiller Park. The waiting is over, and four new businesses held their official grand openings. iCombat, located at 5050 N. River Road has brought the nation's largest tactical laser tag facility to Schiller Park. With state of the art equipment, custom lighting and sound, iCombat offers a heart pumping, action-filled laser tag experience. Just down the road from iCombat, at 5000 N. River Road, is another innovative business, Short Fuse Brewing Company. Short Fuse is a production brewery and tap room with a full kitchen. You can sign up for a tour of the facility and enjoy live music on weekends. Next, a change in ownership and renovations has resulted in a grand opening for Gambino's Fresh Market (formerly Super Low), 3720 Rose Street. They have a fresh new look and a variety of quality food items including grab-n-go meals that are prepared daily. The fourth business, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, is located at 9742 W. Irving Park Road, and opened its doors in early May, bringing their freshly made-to-order sandwiches in our town. We welcome all of our new businesses to the Village, and encourage our residents to patronize them.

Family-friendly events have brought many of our residents together for a good time. The recent Fourth of July Kids, Bike and Pet Parade was well-attended. A number of residents were waiting and watching on the streets as we followed the parade route from Village Hall to Stalica Park. At the park, kids enjoyed a variety of activities, and complimentary hot dogs, chips and water were available to all. Our friends at Gambino's donated some items and even assisted with the cooking and serving. A big "thank you" to them. Also, the Rockin' in the Park Concert series is well underway and many residents have come out to enjoy the weather and music under the stars. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend one of these concerts, check the schedule on page 6 for upcoming events. Tony Ocean, highlighting music from the Sinatra and Rat Pack era is up next. Mark August 12th on your calendar and bring the family to Stalica Park for Moana, the next movie in the Summer Movies in the Park series. The ultimate family-friendly event of the summer is coming up on August 27th as we celebrate the annual Village Classic Car Show & Family Day. Don't miss this great event! See page 2 for additional information. There's something for everyone so come out and enjoy one of our great community offerings.

In closing, the Village Board and I are honored to serve you, our residents, and will keep you informed of our progress as we continue our mission to improve and expand services that will enrich the lives of our residents and

support the businesses who call Schiller Park home. We work best when we work together. The Village Board and I want to hear your ideas and suggestions. Our door is always open.

**Nick Caiafa**  
Village President

### Police Chief's Corner



Children are everywhere during the warm days of summer. Please be vigilant while driving. Anticipate a child darting between parked vehicles or swerving on their bicycles. Come to a complete stop at stop signs and obey speed limit restrictions. Avoid using hand-held electronic devices while driving. Thanks for your cooperation.

There are three crossing guards located at different intersections along Irving Park Rd. until Labor Day. The first guard is at Bobby Ln. in order to cross subjects going to Stalica Park and the Schiller Park Commons. The second is positioned at Wagner to facilitate crossing so that all can utilize the Edward E. Bluthardt Recreation Center. Lastly, there is a guard at Scott St. so that children and adults can walk across Irving Park Rd. to safely go to the Anna Montana Water Park Memorial Pool.

It is that time of year again, Schiller Park Police Department's National Night Out!!!

The primary purpose of National Night Out is to get neighbors to leave their front porch lights on, showing their support for their local police departments in the fight against crime. Residents are encouraged to get out of their houses and meet other neighbors in the area and to get to know them. The theory being that if neighbors meet and get to know each other, they are more apt to report suspicious activity in their neighborhood rather than "look the other way" when they see something awry. When you know your neighbors and watch out for them, overall crime in the area is reduced. After all, there's no better way to fight crime than with community spirit! The event provides a way for residents and Officers to meet one another and discover how we can mutually keep our town a place we all want to live, work, and play as crime free and with the highest quality of life possible.

The Village of Schiller Park encourages all residents to participate on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. During the event, residents throughout Schiller Park are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, Police Officers, Firefighters and other Village personnel. Our free event will be held at the Anna Montana Water Park & Memorial Pool, 4001 N. Scott St. from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Jump in the pool, have some refreshments, join in the games, enjoy the entertainment, and come together to build a stronger and safer neighborhood!

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#### Hours :

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Mon.-Fri.)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Sat.)

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# Fire Department News



The Schiller Park Fire Department continues in its efforts to raise money for The Twin Hearts Autism Foundation. Shirts and glasses are still being sold online and at the village or the fire department. Recently, members of the department combined forces with the actual charity workers and joined them at one of their own fundraisers. The Twin Hearts hosts a golf outing every year to raise money and we brought our shirts to sell at their June event. It was great getting to work directly with the foundation for the first time in our fundraising history and was a great success!

Thus far, our summer events have made great headway in reaching the donation goal and we still have more to come! Please join us for more upcoming events and help us help such a wonderful cause! For more information about The Twin Hearts, check out their website at [www.twinheartsautismfoundation.org](http://www.twinheartsautismfoundation.org).

## It's A...Truck!

This summer, keep your eyes open for the Fire Department's new addition to its fleet! The brand new Truck 5 will be arriving in mid-July with the hopes of being put into service by August. It is an E-One Metro 100' Aerial. With its 220" wheelbase and 11' jack spread, the tower will be more easily utilized on our streets of Schiller Park. It also has a convenient low travel height of 10'7" and a 100' vertical reach from the tower. One of its most impressive features is the scissor-jack axle-supporting system that can be set up in 60 seconds or less! We are all excited about the opportunity to work with such an impressive new vehicle and want to thank the Mayor, the Village Board, and everyone else involved who made it possible for the truck to become a part of the Schiller Park Fire Department.

Be sure to watch for upcoming events to welcome the new Truck 5 to our village and department!

## Do Your Part to Prevent Stormwater Pollution in Schiller Park this Summer



Did you know that stormwater is not filtered before it enters Crystal Creek? When it rains, stormwater collects pollutants from every area of the Village, which end up in our storm drains that lead to Crystal Creek. There are several things you, as a homeowner, can do to protect water quality:

- 1) **Avoid littering – this includes grass clippings and other yard waste.**
- 2) **Keep your car maintained – fluids that leak out of your car can be washed into the creek.**
- 3) **Be mindful when applying fertilizer to your lawn – over-fertilizing can cause algae blooms.**

**Remember, catch basins are for stormwater only. Thank you for helping us keep our water clean!**

**You can link to these to provide more information on homeowner Best Management Practices:**

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/3548/Homeowner-Best-Practices>

<https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure>

## Village Classic Car Show & Family Day

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 5:00 PM  
at the Metra Station**



Registration for Cars is from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at \$10.00 per vehicle

**Trophies and Dash Plaques for the First 100 Cars!**

The Village will be hosting its Annual Classic Car Show and Family Day on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 5:00 PM at the Metra Station on Ruby Street. This wonderful family event will include a car show and a host of other family friendly events and activities. Among the activities planned are children's rides and entertainment. Also local restaurants will be on hand to serve some tasty favorites.

If you are interested in registering your car for the car show applications will soon be available at the Village Hall and on the Village website. If you have any other questions about this event please contact Marjorie in the Mayor's Office at (847) 678-2550.

# Village Dedication

On May 20, 2017 the Village dedicated one of its ballfields as "Shelton Field." The ballfield is located at Kennedy Park and was dedicated in honor of Randy Shelton. Randy was a lifelong resident of Schiller Park attended local schools, and graduated from East Leyden High School before enlisting in the military. More than 100 family, friends and guests, endured the rain to celebrate this special occasion. Guest speakers included former Governor Bruce Rauner. Special guests included Master Sergeant Hughes from the 1st Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas. Also on hand to help celebrate the field dedication were the Schiller Park T-Ball



# es Shelton Field

honor of Randol "Randy" Scott Shelton, a resident of Schiller Park who was killed in action in Iraq while fighting the war on terrorism in 2007.  
ting in the Army. Growing up just blocks from this park, Randy spent many days playing baseball and other sports at this field.  
r Pat Quinn, Mayor Nick Caiafa, Parks Director John Bealer, along with family friend Mike Caffero and Randy's father Bryan Shelton,  
y, Kansas and Laura Sears from 1<sup>st</sup> Division Museum (Cantigny Park) in Wheaton, Illinois.  
players. Snacks for the event were donated by GoPicnic located in Schiller Park.



# Fire Department Website

The Schiller Park Fire Department web page, accessed through the Village of Schiller Park web page, is filled with both useful information and links. Here you can find information on our Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Prevention, Public Education, Emergency Management, Staff, Photos, and FAQs. It is regularly updated with new features and links.

## Backyard Water Safety

- Practice constant adult supervision at all times when children are around any body of water. Adults must stay within an arm's reach of young children when they are near water.
- Older children should not be left in charge of younger children in the pool area.
- Assign specific adults to keep an eye on the pool at all times. When you have pool parties, formally assign adults to pool supervision shifts to ensure children are watched closely throughout the pool party.
- Install four sided fencing that isolates the pool and spa from the home. Four sided pool fencing is proven to be an effective drowning prevention intervention. Pool fencing should be at least five feet high and have self locking and self closing gates.
- Position gate latches out of reach of young children and never prop the gate open or disable the latch.
- Clear debris, clutter and pool toys from the pool deck and adjoining pathways to prevent slips and falls.
- Have a water resistant cellphone available in the pool area for any emergency.
- Enroll non-swimmers in swimming classes taught by a qualified instructor. (Call the Recreation Department for class information)
- Never swim alone. Even experienced swimmers and adults should always swim with a buddy.
- Learn and practice lifesaving techniques, including CPR and First Aid. Require that whoever cares for your children learn CPR.
- Keep poolside rescue equipment close to the pool area.

Learn more about safe home environments at

[www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org)



## FREE Document Shredding Event

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

A stack of papers with a red stamp that says "CONFIDENTIAL" in a distressed font, with some papers shredded and scattered around it.

The Village of Schiller Park is offering a free shredding event for Village residents on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you are interested please bring the private documents you want shredded to the area behind the Public Works Department Street Garage (located behind the Village Hall at 9526 W. Irving Park Rd.) and they will be shredded on site for you.

## Library Corner

### School Supplies for Library Fines

A collection of school supplies including a blue folder, a red folder, and a box of Crayola Washable Markers.

The library is conducting a School Supplies for Fines Program that will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue throughout the entire month of August. During that time, school supplies may be donated in exchange for library fines, up to \$10.00. Bring in one new packaged item from the approved list and \$1.00 in overdue fines at the Schiller Park Public Library will be waived. For example, for \$5.00 in fines owed, at least five new packaged items are needed to be donated to erase the fine. The program only applies to Schiller Park Library overdue fines and will not be applied to lost or damaged materials. Donations will be collected at the Schiller Park Public Library and the collected items will be distributed to Schiller Park schools.

**Don't have any fines? The library will gladly accept donations! For a list of approved supplies or further details visit the library website at [www.schillerparklibrary.org](http://www.schillerparklibrary.org) or call (847)678-0433.**





# Calendar of Events

## Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
and September 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom

## Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 PM  
Community Center

## Rockin' in the Park Concert – Tony Ocean (Sinatra & Rat Pack Era)

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM • Clock Tower Park

## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Anna Montana Water Park & Memorial Pool

## Rockin' in the Park Concert Cyrus Hayes & Lady Lee (Blues)

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM • Clock Tower Park

## Movie in the Park – “Moana”

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 PM • Stalica Park

## Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Community Center

## Rockin' in the Park Concert – Kaleidoscope Eyes (Beatles)

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM • Clock Tower Park

## Car Show & Family Fun Day

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 5 PM • Metra Station

## Labor Day

Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Village Offices Closed

## Street Sweeping

July 10-11 and July 24-25 (Monday – Even Addresses,  
Tuesday – Odd Addresses)  
August 8 (Tuesday Route – Odd Addresses) and August 14  
(Monday Route – Even Addresses)  
August 22 (Tuesday Route – Odd Addresses) and August 28  
(Monday Route – Even Addresses)

## The Village welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please email your comments to [bbursiek@schillerparkil.us](mailto:bbursiek@schillerparkil.us)  
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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# Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program Ends September 2017



The Village has managed an Electricity Aggregation program for residents and small businesses since 2012. This program enabled the Village to negotiate lower electric rates than ComEd for residents' home and small businesses' electric bills by aggregating the community's electricity usage. The average single family homeowner who stayed with the program since 2012 has realized roughly \$250.00 in savings.

The Village recently sought bids to renew the Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program which will expire in September 2017. However, the Village did not receive any bids to continue the program that were lower than the ComEd base rate. Hence, the Village will be suspending the Electricity Aggregation Program for a period of one year because savings could not be guaranteed. All resident and small business accounts currently in the program will automatically be returned to ComEd following meter readings in September. No action is needed on your part to revert back to ComEd.

All resident and small business accounts currently in the program will receive a letter from ComEd in August titled “Electric Supplier Choice – Confirmation of Drop” informing you that your account will switch back to ComEd. Again, no action is needed on your part.

**Please Note: No one from the Village or the Village's aggregation supplier will contact you by phone or in person. All communication about the Village's program will be communicated through the mail.**

If a solicitor indicates they are associated with a Village program, residents are advised to contact the Village.

Also, it is recommended that you not share your ComEd account number with a solicitor, unless you have decided to move to that supplier. Unscrupulous solicitors are able to move your account if they learn the account number. Consumer complaints against alternative utilities suppliers and solicitors should be reported to the Illinois Commerce Commission for remediation, visit [www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints).

You are free to select any supplier you wish; however, it is advised that when considering any proposal, you are sure that it does not have variable rates, early termination fees or monthly fees. A list of current offerings is available at [www.PlugInIllinois.org](http://www.PlugInIllinois.org).

**For questions about the program, you may contact the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) at 800-727-3820 or the Village at 847-678-2550. For additional information about electricity suppliers and ComEd's rates, visit [www.PlugInIllinois.org](http://www.PlugInIllinois.org).**

