



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES



Happy Holidays From Your Village Board

Schiller Park is in full holiday mode, and the Board wants to invite you and your family to join in the festivities.

You will find details about Santa's Wonderland and our Tree Lighting Ceremony on the back page. Children of all ages are sure to enjoy these special celebrations.

The holiday season is a time for celebration and a time for reflection. As we count our blessings, the Board is thankful for the opportunity to serve the residents and businesses of our remarkable village. We are aware of our responsibilities to our community family and are very grateful for the trust you bestowed upon us to fulfill them. We look forward to working with you to continue to make Schiller Park, this wonderful town that we all call home, a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Your Village Board

This season is filled with joy and wonder, and all of us should share that joy with our neighbors. Bring your neighbors to our holiday events, share your good fortune with them when you can, and volunteer or donate to help spread holiday cheer. Our Schiller Park churches and charities have programs that can reach out to those who are less fortunate during this time, and donating to charities or volunteering are other ways to increase your joy during this special season.

May the Holiday Season be happy, healthy and meaningful for you and those you love.

Comfort & Joy,

Nick Caiafa
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK

TRUSTEES

Catherine Gorzynski
Robert Lima

Moses Diaz
Thomas Deegan

Russell Klug
Joan Golembiewski



Mayor Caiafa and the Village Board were proud to acknowledge the service of Medal Of Honor recipient Allen J. Lynch, seen here at the October 19 Board Meeting. Local veterans came to the meeting to honor Mr. Lynch as well. Shown from left to right are Dennis McMillan, Allen J. Lynch, Trustee Russell Klug, Anthony Siciliano and Dennis Hansen.

VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK

9526 West Irving Park Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176
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Hours:

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

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

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Dispose Prescription Drugs Safely

When medicines are no longer needed, it is important to dispose of them properly to reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse.

DO NOT FLUSH UNUSED DRUGS

Wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to treat pharmaceutical waste. The drugs can leech into water systems.

NEVER BURN MEDICINES

Uncontrolled burning can create toxins and other pollutants.

HOW SHOULD YOU DISPOSE OF THEM?

The Schiller Park Police Department is partnering with the Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program by providing a permanent collection box for use by Village residents to dispose of used and outdated prescription drugs.

Residents wishing to relinquish prescription drugs remain anonymous and are not questioned about how they acquired the drugs, or why they are disposing of them. Residents further concerned about privacy can remove or black-out prescription labels.

The drop-off box is located in the lobby of the Police Department. It is accessible 24 hours a day.

The following items are NOT accepted:

- "Sharps," syringes, needles, EpiPens, etc.
- Liquids
- Aerosols/inhalers
- Thermometers
- Medical waste
- Food supplements
- Illicit street-level drugs/narcotics

Let's keep our water system and our homes safe from outdated medicines!



'Tis the season! Holidays can cause a rise in dangerous incidents. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Unattended cooking is the leading factor in cooking fires and fire deaths. Cooking equipment was involved in almost half of all home fires, tied with heating equipment for the second leading cause of home fire deaths. So while we are enjoying the festivities, let's practice fire and cooking safety.

The Schiller Park Fire Department wants you to enjoy your holidays safely!

- Do not leave your stove top or cooking unattended.
- Keep children away from the stove and hot food and liquids.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Make sure to thaw out the turkey completely if using a deep fryer. Also, be sure to use fryers outdoors only and on a non-flammable surface.

Have a safe and joyous holiday!





Let Us Know What You Think

The Schiller Park Public Library is committed to improving the service we offer the community. We are asking for your input by completing the included survey.

Please return the finished survey to the Front Desk at the library or the Schiller Park Village Hall. Surveys may also be mailed to the Library. Your ideas are invaluable to the success of this project.

Letters To Santa

Mr. Claus has asked the Library to help him collect your letters this year. Remember to tell him how good you have been this year and all about the presents you want. Make sure to include your name and address on your letter so Santa is sure to find your mailbox. Letters should be placed in the special mail box in the Youth Services Room. We are collecting letters starting on November 25th. Please make sure to get your letter to the Library by Thursday, December 14th so Santa Claus gets your request on time.



Here Comes Santa! (All Ages)

Join the library Saturday, **December 16th** for some holiday cheer to celebrate this time of year from 1:30-3:00 p.m. **Please bring your own camera to take pictures! There is a limit of 100 children.** Entry will not be granted unless the child is signed-up for the party and has an admission ticket. **Registration begins November 18th.**

The Schiller Park Blood Drive, in cooperation with Life Source, is vital in supplying blood to those in need. With the holidays approaching, blood donations will be in high demand. Please consider donating during the next drive which will be held on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 FROM 1-7 PM**, Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue, Schiller Park.

Here are the results from the last blood drive held on October 17, 2017.

Thirty-six people participated with 7 of them being new donors. Eight people were deferred, which means they were unable to donate, so a total of 28 units of blood were collected.

The blood drive coordinator, Kathy Manis, and volunteers, Bonnie Gardeck, JoAnn Michonski, and Melody Kusiak, provided Subway sandwiches and snacks for donors. Life Source provided refreshments as well.

Donor Daniel Thomas reached a milestone of achieving one gallon in donations.

The Schiller Park Recreation Department generously donated Great America Fright Fest passes for the blood drive drawing which was won by Tom Deegan, SP Village Trustee.

Schiller Park's Best Holiday Decorated House Contest

Do you enjoy decorating your house for the holidays? 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 2018 season pass for our 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 Monday, December 11th.

Recreation Department News

“42nd Street” at Drury Lane

Join the Recreation Department as we team up with Elmwood Park to offer another exciting community trip! Come watch the Tony Award Winning Musical - “42nd Street”. This trip will be on Thursday, November 16 and the fee is \$85 per person. For more information call the Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.

Senior Yoga Class

The Recreation Department offers this exercise program for adults ages 55 and over. This class is designed to help maintain healthy joints, muscular flexibility and strength. Poses can be done freestanding or with the use of a chair. The class meets Mondays from 12:00 – 12:45 PM at the Community Center. The fee is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents for 8 weeks of classes. The next session begins November 6. For additional information please call (847) 671-8580.



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Training

A heavy rescue extrication class was recently held in Schiller Park through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Fire Personnel were taught the latest techniques for school bus, tractor trailer and semi-trailer entrapments and extrication.



Health Board Update

Winter Weather Safety

The Health Board wants to make sure you and your family have a safe and enjoyable winter by following these helpful tips.

- Stay warm outside by wearing several layers of clothing and proper footwear.
- Wear non-slip winter footwear to prevent falls.
- Walk slowly and deliberately on snow and ice covered streets and sidewalks; shovel and use salt on walkways to keep them free of snow and ice.
- Lift with your legs and NOT your back when shoveling snow.
- Leave more distance between your car and that in front of you in inclement weather.

Keep an extra set of warm clothing and a blanket in your car in case of a breakdown and you have to wait for a tow or a ride.

Pet Owners

Salt and de-icers can be harmful to pets' paws. Remember to wipe them when they come back inside. Pets are required to be on leashes when not in your back yard. And don't forget to register your pet with the Village as it ensures that registered pets are vaccinated.



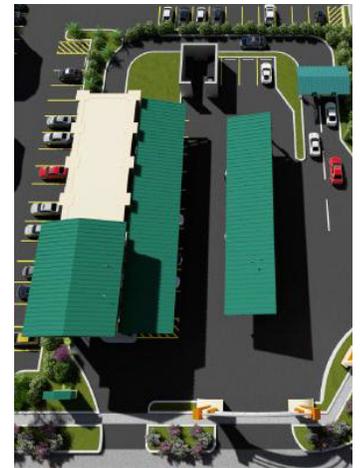
New Businesses Adding Vitality, Increasing Our Tax Base



Mayor Caiafa, along with other Mayors of the West Central Municipal Conference, met in Washington, DC with US Senator Tammy Duckworth to discuss the region's critical infrastructure needs, including streets and water facilities. The mayors are working with Senator Duckworth to uncover grants and federal funds to support the repair, replacement and revitalization of our roadway and water systems.



A new tunnel car wash facility will be built at 4802 River Road. The new, attractive structure will be entered through the northeast corner of the property. The modern metal, glass and concrete structure will be a great improvement to this corner. Watch our newsletter and Facebook for announcements on the Grand Opening.



At the October 5, 2017 Board Meeting representatives of Gift From The Heart presented Mayor Caiafa and the Village with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping organize and host the Pierogi Fest fundraiser event in August 2017 at the Metra Station.



Village Trustees Catherine Gorzynski, Tom Deegan and Russ Klug along with Mayor Nick Caiafa and Clerk Rosa Jos were pleased to participate in a check presentation from our local 7-11 to Washington School to pay for community building activities including "Spiritware" apparel for the students, sponsoring family sports nights, and providing materials for



Skyline Properties is revitalizing an unused industrial building at 9420 River Street. The new facility, which is adjacent to River Street Parking will provide approximately 125 new public parking spaces.



Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, November 16th, December 7th and 21st, and
January 4th 7:00 PM

Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, November 14th and 28nd 1:00 PM
Community Center

Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, November 13th Even Addresses
and Tuesday, November 14th Odd Addresses
Monday, November 27rd Even Addresses
and Tuesday, November 28th Odd Addresses

[Street Sweeping Ends for Year on November 28th](#)

Branch Pickup Ends

Monday, November 20th

Property Tax Appeal Seminar

Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 PM
Community Center

Thanksgiving Day & Day After Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23th and Friday, November 24th
Village Offices Closed

(Village Hall Also Closed Saturday, November 25th)

Yard Waste Pickup Ends

Saturday, November 25th

Santa's Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 9th 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Community Center

Holiday Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 9th 6:30 PM

Clock Tower Park

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 19th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Community Center

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

Village Offices Closed

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st

Village Offices Closed

The Village welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please email your comments to 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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Santa's Winter Wonderland & Holiday Tree Lightng



SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
4501 25TH AVENUE



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th – 6:30 PM
AT CLOCK TOWER PARK
9501 IRVING PARK ROAD

Mayor Nick Caiafa, the Village Trustees and everyone here at the Village invite you to our Annual Santa's Winter Wonderland. Santa and his helpers will be there to ring in the holiday season. Activities will include visiting with Santa, sleigh rides, balloon animals, carolers, roasting marshmallows with the firefighters, refreshments, and lots of fun!

The Village hopes you and your family will be able to enjoy this FREE family event. Remember to bring your camera!

Santa will then travel over by fire truck to Clock Tower Park for our 5TH Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Santa and the Mayor will light Schiller Park's holiday tree while we sing holiday songs. There will also be a drawing for prizes.

For further information about these events, please contact Marjorie Manchen in the Mayor's office at 847-671-8502.

