



Schillergram

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The new year is an exciting time to set goals, make resolutions and plan for the future. We know the year ahead will have great opportunities and certainly some challenges. One of the resolutions of the Board is to work together closely with staff, residents, and businesses to maximize those opportunities and to overcome any challenges.

Last year, 2017, we began to take steps that will make us a stronger, safer and even more friendly community. We implemented new procedures that will increase transparency and accountability. We have used care in our hiring, adhering to our mission of hiring qualified, professional staff that will lead our Village in 2018.

Marjorie Manchen joined our staff as Executive Assistant to the Village President. Her vast government experience, knowledge and network is making sure that Schiller Park has a voice on important regional issues.

John Komorowski was appointed Building Official with our Community Development Department. His extensive professional background in numerous areas of inspectional services and his 14 years experience make him an asset to our Village. His expertise will lead the Department to offer the highest level of service to our residents and businesses.

Jeff Hadary was hired as Building Inspector in September. He has more than 15 years experience as an inspector and Plan Examiner, including work in the private sector. His expertise will add to the professionalism of the Department.

Dana Nesbitt, a Schiller Park resident with deep roots in our Village, was hired as Community Development Assistant. Her knowledge of the community will be integral in our outreach to residents.

We are working diligently on developing a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) so that we can repair and restore our streets, sewers and sidewalks. We are carefully prioritizing these infrastructure projects in order to wisely spend taxpayer money. Public input will be an important aspect of the CIP. Please check our website, Facebook and newsletter for the dates of public meetings to discuss the project and the spending plan.



Your Village Board

We want to dedicate 2018 to becoming a more responsive and proactive government. Our plans include increased outreach and communication and senior oriented programs and publications. We also want to provide more opportunities for taxpayer input into our policies and procedures. Each newsletter will outline those plans in further detail.

We work for you and we look forward to a productive year making Schiller Park and even greater place to live, work and raise a family.

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Police Chief's Corner



The Officers of the Schiller Park Police Department hope all is well and you had a great Holiday season. Now that we are well into winter, a quick reminder may be in order. During snow storms, certain streets have signs posted that restrict parking when there is an accumulation of three inches or more of snow. To avoid being issued a citation, please do not park on those streets during the event until the Street Department is finished with their snow removal operations.

Speaking of snow, it would not hurt mentioning AAA's driving recommendations when the roads are snow/ice covered:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Slow down for a traffic light or traffic. Remember, it takes longer to slow down on icy roads;
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly;
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop;
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal;
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it;
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate. If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors;
- If you're stuck and running the heat, keep your exhaust pipe clear. Deadly emissions can get in your vehicle if it is clogged;
- Prepare an emergency kit - coats, gloves and phone chargers;
- The NHTSA recommends blankets, flares, jumper cables, sand and a snow shovel. Motorists on long journeys should also have food, water, and medication available;
- Make sure there is antifreeze in the cooling system and washer fluid for the windshield.

Please stay safe. Thanks.

Fire Department News



The Schiller Park Fire Department has been working on getting back to full staffing for the past few months. Probationary FF/PM Brandon Rusciollelli was hired and completed his training at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) Fire Academy in December. He was placed onto Red Shift, one of the three firefighter shifts, where he will continue his on-the-job training. The shift will work with him on completing his Job Performance Requirements, which are tasks to ensure the skills are satisfactory as a firefighter.

The fire department will also begin the testing process this month to hire at least one firefighter/paramedic to fill the open position on Gold Shift. The Police and Fire Commission, as well as the Village Board, approved some changes in the process for hiring new candidates. This year, instead of hosting our own physical agility test, candidates will have to successfully pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test, or CPAT, which is a nationally recognized testing process designed specifically around the physical tasks of firefighters. Good luck to all who apply and we look forward to meeting you and our new candidate.



Public Works News

WE ARE READY!



Our Public Works Department is on the job and ready to make sure our streets are safe and clear. We have converted our entire fleet to snow plow trucks. We purchased new anti-icing equipment that will increase efficiency and we are treating our salt with Beet Heat to improve its ice/snow melting performance.

Let it Snow!

Library Corner



Recreation News



Tax Forms

The IRS no longer distributes multiple Federal Paper Tax Forms to public libraries. The Schiller Park Public Library will receive the Federal Reproducible Tax Form Publication, and photocopies of the forms can be made.

The library anticipates receiving state paper tax forms and will have them available upon receipt.



For more information and to request forms please contact or visit:

Internal Revenue Service

5100 River Road
Schiller Park, Illinois 60176
(847) 737-6688 • (800) 829-1040
www.irs.gov

Illinois Department of Revenue

Taxpayers can file individual income tax forms for free at the IDOR website at www.tax.illinois.gov
(800) 732-8866

Thank You for participating in our Survey!

The Schiller Park Public Library Board and Staff would like to thank all patrons who took our survey. We appreciate the input given and will use this information when upcoming planning documents are created. It is very gratifying to know how much the community supports our library.

The deadline to complete the survey is **January 31, 2018**.



Hats Off To Dr. Seuss!

(All Ages)

Join the library for an open house to Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Wednesday, **February 28th** from 4:00-5:00 PM. There will be storytelling, birthday cake and more! No registration required.

Anti-Valen-Teen Party!

(Ages 13-17, Limited to 20 Participants)

Join us for an alternative take on Valentine's Day on Wednesday, **February 7th** from 6:00-7:00 PM. Un-celebrate the day with cranky crafts, moody music, and treats that aren't pink and cute!

Registration begins **January 17th**.

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*US Flags at several Village facilities and parks were donated by Chapter #144 of Woodmen Life. Thank you Phil Fanselow and Woodmen Life!



WANT THE KIDS TO PUT DOWN THE PHONE—JOIN US FOR SCREENAGERS, THE MOVIE

Are you kids scrolling through life? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Rustonsaw learned that kids spend an average of 6.5 hours a day looking at screens.

Concerned about the impact of this time and the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time, Dr. Rustonsaw produced a film, **SCREENAGERS**, that reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

Filled with poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, **SCREENAGERS** offers surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this event.

Register at the Schiller Park Recreation Department by January 18, 2018

When: Sunday, January 21, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Where: Schiller Park Community Center

Fee: \$5 Res. / \$7 Non-Res.

Fee includes pizza and beverages; every person attending must pay the fee.

Discussion materials will be provided.

Ages: 10 years +, anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent.

Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, January 18th and February 1st
and 15th and March 1st

7:00 PM, Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom

Village Offices Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 15th

Presidents Day

Monday, February 19th

Autumn Leaves Senior Club Meetings

Tuesdays, February 13th and 27th and March 13th
and 27th 1:00 PM
Community Center

Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 20th 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Community Center

Historical Society Open House

Saturday, March 10th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Schiller Park Library

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 AM

Set Clocks Forward & Change Smoke Detector Batteries

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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2017 Holiday Decorated House



Recently, Recreation Department staff judged several houses who entered the Decorated House Contest. Judges were impressed by the creativity and use of different materials. The winning house (pictured above) will receive their choice of a 2018 pool pass or 6 month fitness pass. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.



Trustee Tom Deegan, Mayor Nick Caiafa, Clerk Rosa Jos, Trustee Catherine Gorzynski, and a large group of Village employees joined communities throughout the state in raising the Bicentennial flag, celebrating Illinois' 200th Anniversary. The commemoration will honor all that is great in Illinois. To learn more about events and celebrations planned, go to www.illinois200.com



Mayor Nick Caiafa, along with Village Clerk Rosa Jos, Trustee Russ Klug, Trustee Joan Golembiewski, and staff, help cut the ribbon at the new A-1 Laundromat at 9302 West Irving Park Road. This new, fully automated facility is a great addition to our commercial corridor.



Mayor Nick Caiafa, Fire Chief Chido and members of the Schiller Park Fire Department joined District 81 Superintendent Kimberly Boryszewski and Operation North Pole to celebrate the season of giving and distribute new warm winter coats to children at Kennedy School. The coats for this drive were provided in partnership with Operation Warm.