

Calendar of Events

Village Board Meetings

Thursdays, December 19, January 2 and 16
Village Hall 2nd Floor Boardroom at 7 pm

Community Center Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 17, 1-7 pm

Village Offices Close at

1 pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24
and are Closed on
Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

Trash Pick Up Delayed Due to the Holiday

Trash Pick Up Will Take Place on
Saturday, December 28

Village Offices Close at

1 pm on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31
and are Closed on
New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1

Trash Pick Up Delayed Due to the Holiday

Trash Pick Up Will Take Place on
Saturday, January 4

Historical Commission Meeting

Monday, January 13 at 6:30 pm
Schiller Park Library

Village Offices Closed for

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Saturday, January 18
and Monday, January 20

Stay Connected

You can stay connected with the Village
by visiting our Facebook page. Also, you can sign up
to receive our periodic E-Newsletter
and other important alerts via email at
<http://bit.ly/SchillerParkSignUpHere>

Library Events:

Teen Tacky Sweater Party



Schiller Park teens (age 11 to 17) are invited to celebrate the season by wearing a tacky Christmas sweater on

Wednesday, December 18, from 6 to 7 pm. The party will be held at the Library and will include a hot cocoa bar, ornament making, music and more. Registration is required and space is limited. The Schiller Park Public Library is located at 4200 Old River Road. Call 847-678-0433 to register.

Want to Build a Snowman?



Schiller Park children are invited to help the snowman find his hat, nose and buttons during the Library's Snowman Scavenger Hunt! Participants can work to locate all of the lost items to help put the snowman back together again and win a prize. Join the fun from December 23 through January 4 at the Schiller Park Library. No registration is required. Please note that participants can only complete the Snowman Scavenger Hunt once.

Triton's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Needs Volunteers

If you are looking for a way to help our community, Triton Community College hopes you will consider becoming a volunteer with the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program. TCE is a community-based partnership managed by the IRS that provides free tax return preparation assistance to low to moderate income taxpayers who are 60 and older, to people with disabilities and to non-English speaking taxpayers.

No previous experience is required and volunteers will serve as greeters, reviewers or tax preparers. Volunteers will receive specialized training on how to assist adults in completing the 1040 federal and state tax forms. Materials are provided free of charge. The hours are flexible but volunteers are asked to serve an average of three to four hours per week from February through April 14, 2020. Volunteer sites are located at community centers, libraries, schools and other convenient locations. Tax returns are done by appointment only in the morning during the week and on Saturdays.

Volunteer training sessions will be held on Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at Triton Community College in Room R-221 of the Robert M. Collins Center located at 2000 Fifth Avenue in River Grove. The tax counseling service is sponsored annually by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties located at Triton College. For more information, call 708-456-0300, Ext. 3835 or 3603.

2020 Village Calendars Available Now

The Village of Schiller Park's calendar is available to all residents at Village Hall. Stop in and get your free copy soon!



Mayor's Corner



Count Schiller Park In

Schiller Park has formed a Complete Count Committee to encourage maximum participation in the 2020 U.S. Census. The Committee includes representatives from the library, schools, local government agencies, community and business organizations and faith-based groups.

The Committee is working to ensure that everyone responds to the Census accurately and within the established time frame. The count includes all ages, races, ethnic groups and non-citizens. Everyone in a household, no matter what age, is to be counted. People who may be living at your address temporarily must also be counted.

Schiller Park will benefit from a complete count because Census data determines how much federal, state and county funding our Village will receive for projects such as infrastructure, healthcare, schools, senior services and emergency preparedness. It will also be used to determine our legislative representation in the US Congress and in the Illinois General Assembly.

The Census Bureau has taken extraordinary steps to protect personal privacy and to make sure that the data you provide is safe and secure. By law, the data you share CANNOT be shared with other agencies such as law enforcement.

You can complete the Census questionnaire beginning in March 2020. The Census has fewer than 10 questions, will take less than 10 minutes to complete and will impact our future for the next 10 years.

More information will be available in January on our website, on the Village's Facebook page and in our newsletters. I strongly encourage you to participate. Remember, in Schiller Park, everyone counts.

It's the Holiday Season!

There's no place like home for the holidays! I hope you are enjoying our beautiful Christmas trees, our festive holiday decorations and planters and sparkly lights that illuminate our streets and parks.

No matter how you celebrate, the Village Board wants to wish you a festive, happy and joyous Holiday Season. We also want everyone to be safe during the holidays and all through the winter.

Weather can complicate holiday travel. Please make sure you follow winter safety guidelines including checking your tires, keeping your car fueled, having your cell phone charged and putting a blanket in the car in case you get stranded.

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Wishing You a Healthy & Happy New Year!
Mayor Nick Caiafa
Village Clerk Rosa Jos
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Thomas Deegan, Joan Golembiewski
and Terri Sheridan

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Most importantly, make sure you do not drive after enjoying holiday "spirits." Please call a ride service, a taxi, take public transportation or call a friend. We want everyone to arrive home safely.

During this holiday season, we encourage you to share your joy with others. The Leyden Township Food Pantry is accepting gifts of non-perishable food. Many fraternal, community and faith-based organizations offer ways you can donate resources or your time to make sure everyone has a happy holiday.

For many years I have been privileged to volunteer for the Chicago Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO) in their support of "Baskets of Love." This renowned organization assembles and delivers food baskets to hundreds of families throughout the Chicago area, including families in need in Schiller Park.

Giving to others is a gift that enhances our community, inspires our children and helps us focus on the true meaning of the holidays. I encourage everyone in our compassionate, caring community to be generous this season.

Best wishes for a Safe and Happy New Year!

Nick Caiafa
Mayor



Mayor Nick Caiafa and volunteers from Schiller Park assembled food baskets for families in need. The Chicago Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO) organizes the annual food drive and delivers the baskets to families throughout the Chicago area.



Village Trustee Russell Klug took the opportunity to get a flu shot at the Village's Senior Health and Resource Fair. It's not too late to get your vaccination to help avoid getting the flu this winter!

Property Tax Exemption Changes

Cook County homeowners are no longer required to apply every year to get their Senior Citizen exemption. A change in the law means that senior exemptions currently in place will renew automatically. Seniors not currently receiving the exemption and those who turned 65 years old in 2019, must apply for the Senior Citizen exemption in 2020.

Remember to check your property tax bill to make sure you are receiving all of the exemptions for which you qualify. Exemptions include the Homeowner Exemption, Senior Citizen Exemption, Senior Freeze Exemption, Disabled Persons Exemption, Disabled Veterans Exemption and Returning Veterans Exemption.

If some of your exemptions are missing from your bill, you may visit the Leyden Township office located at 2501 North Mannheim Road in Franklin Park. They can assist you in filing with the Cook County Assessor's Office. Remember to bring your ID and information regarding your income. All exemption information is available online at www.leydentownship.com or www.cookcountyassessor.com.



Mayor Caiafa welcomed attendees to the Village's annual Lunch and Learn and introduced Iwona Przonak Garcia, with the Office of the Attorney General (on the left) and Julie Kenney, with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Both speakers discussed ways to recognize scams and how to avoid them.

Fall Lunch and Learn

One of our Village's favorite traditions is the annual Fall Lunch and Learn which attracted 125 enthusiastic Schiller Park active adults on November 14. Mayor Nick Caiafa welcomed everyone and reminded them to watch for the Village's newsletter, Connections, which targets active adults who are 62 and older and highlights important events and programs.

While festive in nature, the luncheon was also very informative. The featured speakers were Iwona Przonak Garcia with the Office of the Attorney General, who spoke about healthcare and genetic testing fraud and Julie Kenney with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, who discussed mail fraud. Kay Frey, a representative with Triton College discussed tax preparation services for seniors that will be available in January. Christi Rocha, a staff member with Leyden Family Services, outlined benefit application services provided by her organization once a month at the Community Center located at, 4501 N. 25th Avenue (check the Village's website for 2020 dates). In addition, Inchul Choi from the Census Bureau spoke briefly about the importance of participating in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Business Calls Schiller Park "Home"

The Village Proudly Welcomes Structural To Schiller Park

Welcome Home!

Structural, a structural technologies company prides itself on making structures stronger and longer-lasting. The company was founded in 1974 and began Chicagoland operations in 1986. Structural selected the newly constructed Schiller Park Bridge development on Soreng Avenue as the location for their Midwest operations branch. This Schiller Park location was intentionally selected to leverage an array of public transportation options for employees and to provide more convenient access for customers and business partners. The near 35,000SF office / shop buildout creates an inspiring open workspace. The modern facility will be a selling point as Structural hopes to recruit top talent who will assist in the research, development and implementation of innovative repair solutions to challenging infrastructure problems. Career opportunities are expected to become available as Structural continues to grow.



Structural executives joined Mayor Nick Caiafa, Village Clerk Rosa Jos, Village Trustees Russell Klug and Moses Diaz and Community Development staff to cut the ribbon on their new Midwest operations branch.

The Village's Community and Economic Development Department is happy to report that the former Hostess site is now fully leased and home to five new regional and national business tenants. The Village hopes to carry forward the spirit of Structural's mission by formulating a resilient and enduring business relationship with the newest Schiller Park company.

Village Mainstay E.J. Basler Co. Chooses to Expand in Schiller Park

The Village was proud to join E.J. Basler Company to break ground on their landmark development located at 9451 Ainslie Street. Founded in 1945, E.J. Basler Company has a long and exciting legacy of precision machining experience. The business has operated in Schiller Park's northernmost industrial corridor for over 60 years and carries a commitment to quality, customers, loyalty, and innovation. These core values have served E.J. Basler well and will surely translate to the community with their campus-style expansion. This development is highlighted by the construction of a new 32,000SF state-of-the-art manufacturing facility. Assisting this business to stay and invest in Schiller Park will help stimulate economic growth and employment opportunity for both E.J. Basler and the Village.



Home Grown

Mayor Nick Caiafa, Village Clerk Rosa Jos, and Trustees Moses Diaz and Russ Klug break ground with the Basler brothers on the site of their proposed new manufacturing facility.



Village Launches Available Properties Map

The Village's Community and Economic Development Department, in partnership with its GIS division, is thrilled to roll out the Schiller Park Available Properties Map. The Village's planning and zoning office receives wide-ranging interest from prospective business owners who are all looking for the same thing - available property.

The new properties map is now accessible on the Village's

webpage and will serve as a one-stop shop for investors, developers, and entrepreneurs looking for a site that fits their needs. This intuitive search tool sorts results by property classification, land area, and building size. Map users are put in direct contact with the appropriate real estate professional or Village staff member who can provide additional details necessary to help the business owner or developer to locate or invest in Schiller Park.