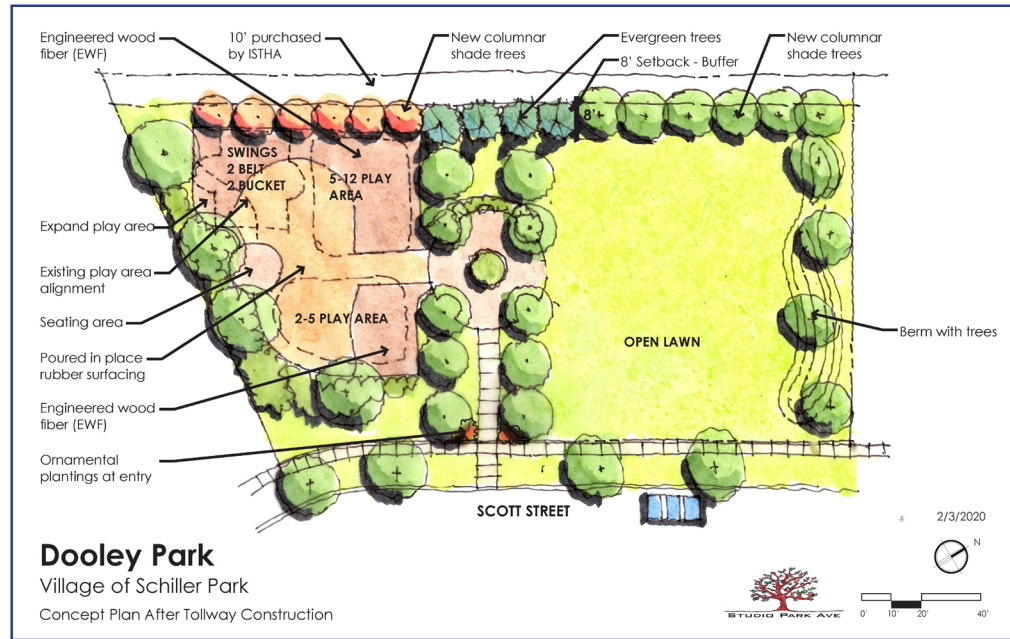


# Village Continues Renovations at Two Parks



The rendering above reflects the Landscape Architect's design for Dooley Park. The park will include additional green space, replacement of lost trees and updated landscaping.

The Tollway expects to wrap up their expansion project by summer which will allow the Village to begin renovations at Dooley Park. Thanks to a \$267,000 grant from the Tollway as compensation for the extended closure of the park, the Village plans to completely renovate Dooley Park. Plans include adding a pollinator garden and modern and safe play equipment that will replace some of the aging playground equipment. The new, beautiful recreational amenity will meet all ADA Accessibility and Safety Guidelines.

Additionally, construction is planned to start in May for the renovation and upgrading of Clock Tower Park. The project is being made possible by a \$156,000 Open Spaces grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The grant enabled the Village to purchase and demolish an adjacent house, to expand the park and provide additional greenspace and leisure opportunities for residents to enjoy. The renovated park will include a rain garden and enhanced landscaping. A \$9,000 ComEd Green Region Program grant will support biodiversity by enhancing natural habitats, including the addition of a new pollinator garden. Most importantly, it will feature new playground equipment, providing a play area for children who live near the park and who previously needed to cross Irving Park Road to access a playground.

Watch our Village website and Facebook page for updates on the progress of the renovation projects at Clock Tower Park and Dooley Park.



## Mayor's Corner

### Shape Your Future By Being Counted

Did you know that by responding to the 2020 Census you are helping to shape your future?

The Census is an important tool in determining the number of representatives we have in Congress and in the General Assembly. Census

data is used to determine the allocation of \$675 billion in federal funds distributed to support vital programs in communities across the country. These funds shape projects and programs related to housing, education, roads, transit, and healthcare.

That is why we are strongly urging everyone in Schiller Park to participate in the Census. It is easy and secure. The information is not shared with any other agencies, including law enforcement. The Census Bureau has established strict policies and safeguards to help protect the confidentiality of your information and to ensure your privacy is protected.

### Respond Online, by Phone or by Mail

In March, the Census Bureau will mail a notice inviting you to respond to the Census. You will have three options for responding to the Census: online, by phone or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you. The 2020 Census marks the first time you will be invited to respond online and will even allow you to respond on your mobile device. The mailed notice will include individualized codes required to respond online.

Census questions are simple to answer. The questions will include the number of people living in your household, their ages, sex and race. Anyone living in your household, even temporarily should be included in the count. You will also be asked if you own or rent your home, and for your phone number in case the Census Bureau needs to contact you.

The Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties. Please note that census takers will visit the households of those who do not respond from May to July.

### Census Event at the Library

The Village is co-hosting a meeting at the Schiller Park Library on Wednesday, March 25 from 5 to 8 pm to answer your questions about the 2020 Census. Library staff will be on hand to help you complete the Census online during the event. There will be refreshments and giveaways too. Please remember to bring the notice you received from the Census Bureau to the event.

The US Census Bureau is offering various employment opportunities. The jobs provide great pay, flexible hours and paid training. To apply, go to [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

An accurate count will benefit everyone in our community. We will continue to update you via the Village website, Facebook page and in our newsletters. You will also find a Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet on our website.

In Schiller Park, EVERYONE COUNTS!

### Infrastructure is a Village Priority

Safe and reliable infrastructure, including water mains and roadways, ensure the quality of life of our residents and facilitate business operations. The Board and I have a firm commitment to keeping our Village in a state of good repair. By doing so, we keep our property values stable and attract more investment and jobs to Schiller Park. On Page 2 you will find an article that summarizes last year's improvements and outlines our aggressive agenda for 2020 - 2022.

As a reminder, these infrastructure improvements are made possible through grants from the State of Illinois and Cook County, low interest loans, the Airport Parking Tax, the State's Motor Fuel Tax and the Video Gaming Fund. They are NOT funded by property taxes.

**Nick Caiafa**  
Mayor

## Library Corner:

### Spring Reading Challenge - March 2 - 30

The Schiller Park Public Library invites all readers to participate in their Spring Reading Challenge. Registration will be available starting on March 2 in the library's Youth Services Room.

### Hats Off to Dr. Seuss - March 2

Children of all ages are invited to join the library at their open house to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 2 from 4 - 6 pm. The event will include storytelling, birthday cake and more! No registration required.

### Storybook Tea Party - March 31

Once upon a time in a kingdom not so far away, a special event was held at the Schiller Park Public Library! Join the library on Tuesday, March 31 from 1:30 - 3 pm for an afternoon of treats, tea, games, crafts and more. Come dressed as your favorite storybook character and receive a small prize. No registration required.

The Schiller Park Library is located at 4200 Old River Road. For more information, call 847-678-0433 or visit [schillerparklibrary.org](http://schillerparklibrary.org).



## Save the Date for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Village's Recreation Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 at 11 am. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photos so remember to bring your camera and a basket to hold all the treats your children collect! This event is free and will be held at Shelton Field at Kennedy Park, located at 4001 Scott Street. For more information, call 847-671-8580.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8**  
**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AND TO CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS**

**BRANCH PICK-UP BEGINS ON MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**YARD WASTE PICK-UP BEGINS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

# Infrastructure and Street Improvement Update

Each year the Village Board identifies and prioritizes projects and funding to support much needed infrastructure renewal and roadway upgrades. Decisions are made in accordance with the Village's Capital Improvement Plan which serves as our roadmap for addressing infrastructure upgrades needed to improve services to our community.

## Overview of 2019 Infrastructure Improvements

As shown in the graphic on page 3, the Village completed a number of important infrastructure repairs including:

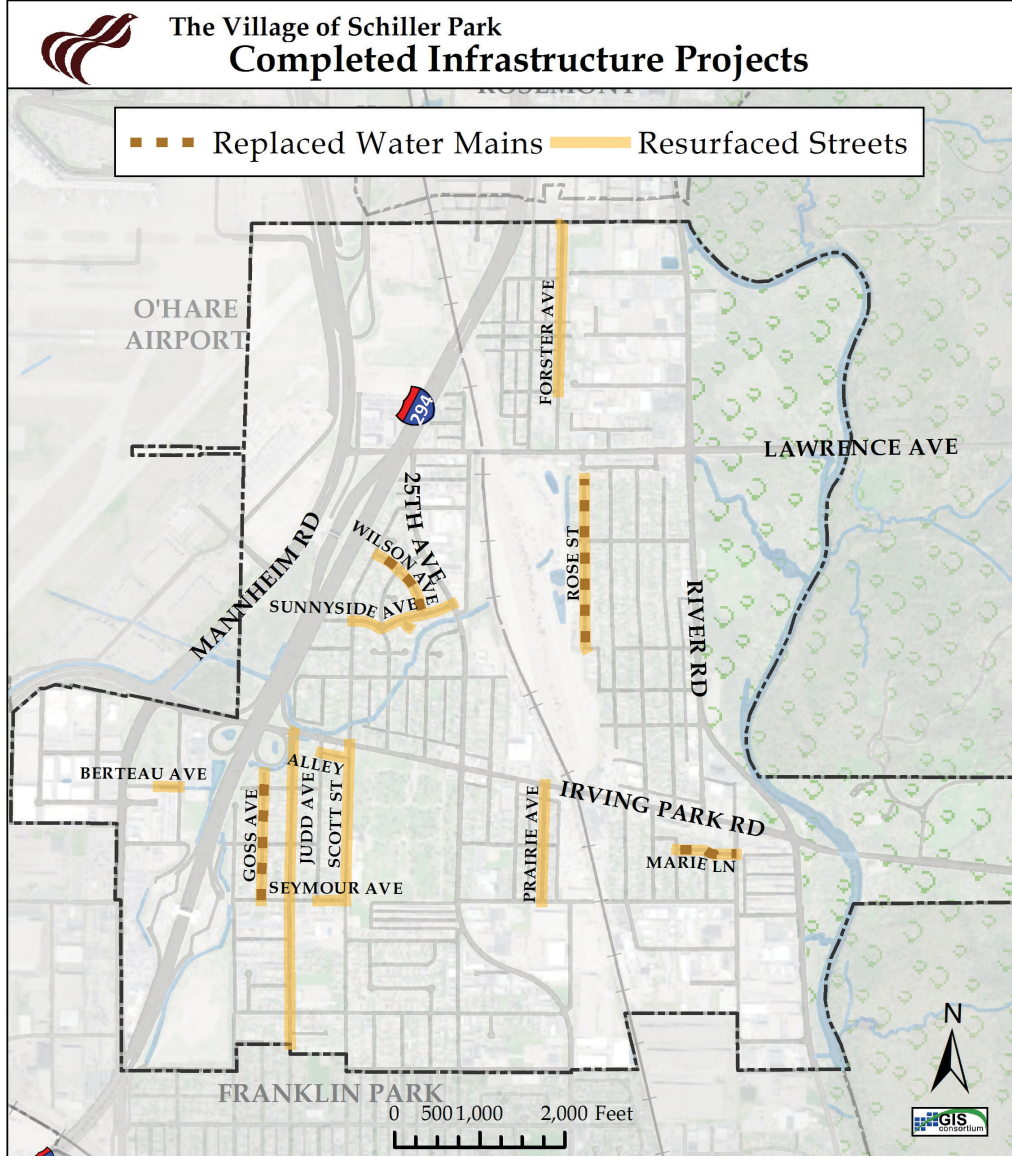
- Street repair work was completed on Rose Street, Wilson Avenue, Wehrman Avenue, Forster Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Sunnyside Avenue and George Street. Each street received curb and gutter repairs which was followed by a complete resurfacing of the roadway and landscaping restoration.
- Water main replacement occurred on segments of Goss Avenue, Marie Lane, Rose Street and Wilson Avenue followed by complete resurfacing of the roadway which benefited the surrounding community.
- The Village completed concrete repairs on the Irving Park Road viaduct and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) upgraded the Lawrence Avenue viaduct. The viaduct on Lawrence Avenue was painted and new, high efficiency lighting was installed.
- Potholes were filled throughout the Village.



## On the Horizon –Improvements Planned for 2020-2022

- IDOT is planning to widen Irving Park Road, west of 25th Avenue, to five lanes to help ease traffic. Work is expected to begin this summer.
- Resurfacing of Lawrence Avenue, west of River Road and east of Mannheim Road, is scheduled by IDOT for this summer. This important project also includes drainage improvements for the Lawrence Avenue viaduct which should help reduce street flooding in the area during heavy rainfalls. This project is the result of a meeting with and the joint efforts of CP Rail, IDOT and the Village.
- The Village applied for and was awarded \$200,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help pay for 2020 road resurfacing work.
- IDOT is planning to resurface River Road this year.
- A federal grant will fund 80% of the installation of a new traffic signal on Old River Road and Irving Park Road near Chase Bank. This project will improve traffic flow and increase safety by helping motorists and pedestrians entering and exiting from the shopping area. The construction schedule will be determined after design approval is received.
- A federal Surface Transportation Grant will support concrete patching on 25th Avenue. Funding has been approved, however the Village is waiting for federal authorization to proceed.
- Resurfacing of Hirschberg Avenue is planned and landscaping restoration will be done once the street project is completed.
- The Tollway will stain the bridge on Lawrence Avenue near I-294, which will provide a cleaner and more attractive passageway.
- The storm water pumping station that drains the Irving Park viaduct is being upgraded.
- The water tower along Scott Street will be blasted and repainted.
- The Village was awarded \$300,000 in Illinois Capital Plan funds. Once funding has been released, it will be used to make sanitary sewer lift station and piping improvements and repairs.
- Mannheim Road is scheduled to be resurfaced from Irving Park Road to Lake Street this year.

The Village is currently pursuing a number of grant opportunities to secure additional funds for future infrastructure projects. The Board is aggressively moving to get as much work possible completed by next fall. Please note that all State of Illinois projects are subject to change depending on availability of funding. If you have questions or concerns about the street resurfacing or infrastructure improvement projects, please contact Brian Bursiek, Assistant Village Manager, at 847-671- 8534 or at [bbursiek@schillerparkil.us](mailto:bbursiek@schillerparkil.us).



## Shoeless Joe's Ale House and Grille Adds to the Commercial Vibrancy on River Road

Formerly located in Rosemont, Shoeless Joe's Ale House & Grille was a popular meeting place for "the big game." With name recognition and a strong local following, owner Joe Macchitelli jumped at the opportunity to select a new prime location in Schiller Park. Shoeless Joe's makes it's new home at 4926 North River Road, offering a full kitchen ranging from salads and wraps to burgers and ribs, and everything in between. They have a private party room and musical entertainment every Saturday.

The addition of Shoeless Joe's complements the area's trendy 'stay and play' vibe. With each new business, the River Road North subarea is taking shape into an active and desirable place to spend an evening in Schiller Park. Whether it's date night at the Axexclusive Throwing & VR Lounge or a group night out at I-Combat, you can stick around for dinner and drinks at Chasers or Shoeless Joe's or enjoy a craft beer at Short Fuse Brewing.

Shoeless Joe's investment in this location is representative of a strong commercial interest and presence along River Road. The Village Board and the Community Development Department are working to continue this upward momentum and establish this area as a family-friendly destination for refreshments, food and fun.



Mayor Nick Caiafa, Village Clerk Rosa Jos and Trustees Tom Deegan, Terri Sheridan, Joan Golembiewski, and Russell Klug welcomed Joe Macchitelli, owner of Shoeless Joe's Ale House & Grille to their new home in Schiller Park.

## VILLAGE OF SCHILLER PARK

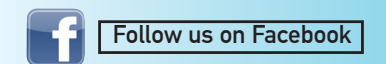
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