

October is Fire Prevention Month

The Schiller Park Fire Department reminds homeowners to practice fire prevention and whole home safety because fire can happen anytime and anywhere. Fire prevention experts recommend taking the necessary steps to keep your family safe:

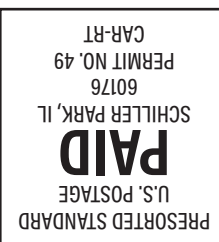
- Install a smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home and inside each bedroom.
- Replace expired or broken detectors with the new 10-year sealed battery detectors.
- Carbon monoxide is odorless and invisible and the only way to detect this deadly gas is by using a CO alarm.
- Get a fire extinguisher and check the expiration date. Place one on each floor of your home and in the garage.
- Have an escape plan and practice fire drills with your family to make sure everyone knows where to go if there is a fire in your home.



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

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Mayor's Corner



Our community came together to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on our country. We gathered in Clock Tower Park near the monument that contains a piece of steel from the World Trade Center.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the program, including the American Legion Post 104 for posting our colors, Fire Department Chaplain Father Rob Schultz for offering the Invocation and to Fire Chief Mike Cesaretti, June Oulund and Trustee Russ Klug for their remarks. Thank you also to the East Leyden High School Chamber Choir and to the Scouts Troop 105, especially Ashley Schreyer-Miller who performed "Taps" during the program.

America faced an unprecedented crisis on September 11, 2001. As the dust settled and rescue and recovery efforts continued, Americans stood united. We were resilient and we were proud to be Americans.

Flags were proudly displayed throughout the community and across the country. We demonstrated a renewed passion to protect our liberties and to respect our fellow Americans.

I believe an enduring lesson from September 11 should be that we remained Americans, united in our love of country. Let's remember the pride and unity we felt during that time.

Our community also came together throughout the pandemic. We saw neighbors helping neighbors. Our first responders demonstrated once again that they do not shrink from their responsibilities, even during a public health crisis.

Unfortunately, we are not yet out of the woods. Due to a mutation in the virus, COVID-19 is still a threat and the CDC recently released a statement that people are eleven times more likely to die from the virus if they are not vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated is easy, safe, and free. The Cook County Health Department has partnered with Kaizen Health to offer free rides to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations. First, schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment with a healthcare provider. Next, call (833) 308-1988 to arrange your free pickup. Your driver will arrive at your home between 30 and 60 minutes prior to your vaccination appointment and the driver will also bring you home after your appointment. To learn more about this convenient service, please visit our Village website at villageofschillerpark.com.

Our community needs all of us to come together again. Do it for your family, your friends, and your community. Get vaccinated.

Schiller Park Welcomes a New Village Manager

The Board recently approved the hiring of a new Village Manager, Brett Kryska. Mr. Kryska comes to the Village with over 13 years of municipal management experience in various facets of local government. He is enthusiastic about community service and looks forward to serving Schiller Park for many years. Please join me in welcoming him to our community.

Mayor Nick Caiafa



On September 11, the Village hosted a solemn ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. The event remembered those who died that day and honored the first responders who gave their lives in service to their community.

Water Tower Restoration Project Complete

The Village recently completed another essential infrastructure project for our community. For the first time in over 25 years, the Village water tower was restored and upgraded. The project included painting and coating the tower on the inside and outside and the initiation of a 15-year contract to continue regular maintenance of the water tower. You can see the American flag which was painted on top of the water tower so don't forget to look as you fly over O'Hare International Airport!

The Village Board is committed to keeping our community in a state of good repair. Improving the capacity and condition of our infrastructure is therefore a top priority. Providing safe and reliable infrastructure supports a good quality of life for our residents, allows our businesses to operate efficiently and keeps our property values stable.



Fitness Memberships Offered to Returning Military Veterans

In a show of gratitude for their service, the Village Board recently approved an initiative to provide free fitness passes to Schiller Park residents returning from active duty in the military. The one-year pass includes free membership to the fitness center and basketball courts located at the Recreation Center. To qualify, a returning veteran must present their discharge paperwork and proof of residency. Please apply at the Recreation Center, located at 9638 W. Irving Park Road on Monday through Friday between 9 am and 5 pm. For more information, call (847) 671-8580.

Irving Park Road Widening Project Underway

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has begun work to widen Irving Park Road from four lanes to five lanes, west of 25th Avenue to Judd Avenue in Schiller Park. The project also includes installation of a left lane turn signal at Judd Avenue, which will result in safer traffic flow. In the meantime, the work has reduced traffic to one lane in each direction, causing delays. IDOT recommends that motorists use alternate routes and public transportation throughout construction. The project will take several months to complete.

Earlier this year, the Village's contractor relocated underground water main piping and streetlight cabling on Irving Park Road in advance of widening the roadway. This important improvement project will address regional growth and transportation demand in our Village. When complete, the project will significantly help the flow of traffic on Irving Park Road, reduce congestion, and increase safety.

Please check our website at villageofschillerpark.com and watch our Village Facebook page for updates on this project.

Police Department Private Camera Registration

The Village's Camera Registration Program allows residents and businesses to register their private security camera system with the police department. Law enforcement will contact you if they feel your camera may have video that could help them investigate a traffic accident, an infrastructure malfunction, or other incidents. To register, complete the Camera Registration Form on our website at villageofschillerpark.com.

The Schiller Thriller Parade Returns! Also, Put Safety First on Halloween

Due to the continuing COVID health crisis, and in the interest of keeping our children safe, instead of the Halloween Howl the Village will again host its Schiller Thriller Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday, October 30, starting at 10 am at Village Hall and will travel throughout the town and will feature decorated Village vehicles. Check our website at villageofschillerpark.com and the Village Facebook page for the parade route map and updates.

The Village has designated the hours of 3 to 7 pm for trick-or-treating on Halloween in Schiller Park. Leave your porch light on if you would like trick-or-treaters to ring your doorbell. **If you choose not to participate in trick-or-treating, you may post a sign in the window or on the door of your home to indicate that you are NOT participating. Signs are available at Village Hall and on our website at villageofschillerpark.com.**

There is no real trick to making Halloween a safe time for your family. Purchase only costumes, wigs, and props labeled flame resistant or flame retardant and shorten hemlines to prevent tripping. Keep your walkway and porch area well lit and have children carry battery powered lights or glow sticks. Stay on sidewalks in familiar neighborhoods and obey all traffic signals. Adults should always go to the door with young children and families should only visit homes that are well lit. Remind your children to never enter a house or an apartment unless they are with an adult. Always inspect your child's treats and throw out anything that appears like it was tampered with or otherwise abnormal.

Drivers should take extra caution all evening and watch carefully for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs and darting out from between parked cars. Also, enter and exit driveways and streets slowly and carefully.

Rules of the Road Review Course and Mobile ID Event – October 14

The Village of Schiller Park and the Secretary of State's Office is hosting a free Rules of the Road Review Course on October 14 from 10 am until noon at the Schiller Park Community Center located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. The class combines an explanation of the driving exam and a practice written exam and is open to any senior, age 62 or older, regardless of where they live. The class is FREE but preregistration is required. Register at the Schiller Park Recreation Center located at 9638 W. Irving Park Road.

The Mobile ID Renewal Team will also be available from 10 am until 2 pm at the site. Services will be available at the October 14 event for anyone at any age who is eligible to renew a license, state ID, or plate sticker. Payment for renewal services is by credit card or check only. Vision exams will be provided but this event will not include REAL ID services. For more information, contact Mary Maltese at (847) 678-8765.

Short Fuse Brewing Named Brewer of the Year

Congratulations to Short Fuse Brewing Company for being recognized as the Midsize Brewery/Brewer of the Year 2021 at the Great American Beer Festival! This is the first time an Illinois brewery has won a Brewery/Brewer of the Year award since 2011. In addition to being honored with this award, Short Fuse also brought home a silver medal for their beers "Tropical Hurt Locker" and "Vocal Jam." We are proud to have Short Fuse Brewing Company make their home in Schiller Park and are pleased that they are part of the vibrant "River Road North" area that offers the community opportunities for fun, food, and refreshments.



Members of the Short Fuse Brewing Company celebrated their win at the Great American Beer Festival. Short Fuse is a brewery, restaurant and taproom located at 5000 River Road in Schiller Park.



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