

The Village of Schiller Park's Recreation Department Has Much to Offer

Throughout the year, the Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities and leisure activities for residents of all ages. During the winter months, activities move indoors to the Recreation Center located at 9638 W. Irving Park Road or the Activity Center located at 9630 W. Irving Park Road.

The Recreation Center's amenities include basketball, volleyball, and racquetball courts, a game room, a fitness center, and locker rooms. Stop by the Village's Recreation Center and tour the fitness area. Membership to the Fitness Center includes access to a variety of cable machines, free weights and cardio equipment without the expensive membership fee and crowded facility that a private fitness club provides.

The Recreation Center's gymnasium and the Activity Center are available to residents to rent for parties, meetings, and other uses. The gymnasium and racquetball court are available for rental during non-program hours. The Activity Center includes access to a kitchen. Please visit the Recreation Center to apply to reserve a facility.

Visit the Village's website at villageofschillerpark.com to learn more about current Recreation Department programs and to download information regarding rental information.

Recreation Department Offering Youth Basketball This Winter

The Village's Recreation Department, in cooperation with Leyden Township's Recreation Department, and Park Districts in Rosemont, Franklin Park, and Norridge is offering a new youth basketball league for kids in grades 1 through 8. The basketball league will start in January 2022. The league will form teams from each town with weekly games that rotate locations. Teams will practice once per week to learn fundamentals. Equal playing time will be enforced for players on all teams. All players will receive a tee shirt uniform. The cost to participate is \$50 if registered before January 21, 2022. The league is recruiting volunteer coaches so please call the Recreation Department if you are interested. For more information, contact the Schiller Park Recreation Department at (847) 671-8580.



Mayor's Corner



The holiday season is here, and we are all excited to celebrate with friends and family. While we are busy trimming the tree, buying gifts, and baking festive treats, let's all take a moment to reflect on our many blessings and to give thanks. It is also a good time to consider that not everyone in our community may be as fortunate and some may be in need.

We demonstrated throughout the pandemic that our town is a compassionate community that fosters goodwill and generosity toward our neighbors. This year as we embark on our holiday traditions, let us embrace the true spirit of the season by extending a helping hand to those who need it the most.

There are many worthy causes to contribute to this holiday season. I encourage you to give to area churches or local community groups who are working to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

The Village will once again assist the Leyden Township Food Pantry in collecting non-expired and non-perishable food items. Leyden Township is also collecting clothing, unused personal items and toiletries, and new, unwrapped toys. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Village offices will have donation bins for your convenience. To view the list of items in need and how to contribute, please check our Village website at villageofschillerpark.com.

Another place to donate is the Leyden Family Services' Food Pantry which is collecting non-perishable boxed or canned food items. They are also accepting donations of gift cards in any denomination, for grocery stores such as Aldi, Jewel, and Food 4 Less. To learn more about how to contribute to this organization, please call (847) 451-0330 or go to leydenfamilyservices.org.

I also ask that we recognize our local public safety personnel – both police and fire – for their dedicated service as they continue to protect our homes, businesses, families, and community. In addition, please remember the service and sacrifice of military personnel as many may be deployed and unable to celebrate the holidays with their families.

On behalf of the Village Clerk, Trustees, administration, and staff, I want to extend our warmest wishes to everyone in Schiller Park this holiday season.

Mayor Nick Caiafa



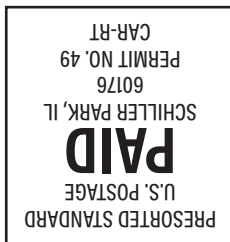
The Village is pleased to welcome Quick Mobile, a one stop shop for cell phone and electronic repair needs. Visit them at 9446 W. Irving Park Road.



Village officials cut the ribbon to welcome the newest restaurant in Schiller Park. Wingsstop is located at 9732 Irving Park Road.



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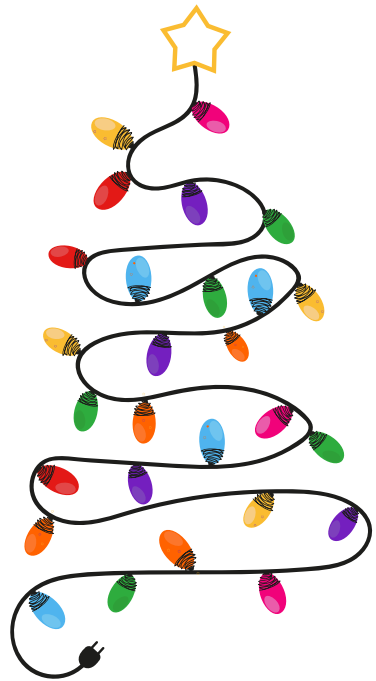


Blood Drive – December 21



The last community Blood Drive for the year will be held on Tuesday, December 21 from 1 pm until 7 pm at the Community Center, located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. This location is handicapped accessible with ground level access and does not have stairs. Please consider donating blood, it could save a life. The process is safe and quick.

Winter Wonderland and Tree Lighting – December 4



The Village will host holiday events on Saturday, December 4 from 2 pm until 6 pm. Schiller Park residents are invited to drive through a festively decorated “Winter Wonderland” at the Metra Station on Ruby Street and see Santa Claus and other lovable characters from 2 pm until 5:30 pm. Bring your camera to take a photo!

Also, Santa will lead a motorcycle procession beginning at 5 pm, traveling through many streets in town and ending at the Community Center in time for the tree lighting at 6 pm. Please visit our website at villageofschillerpark.com and Facebook page for updates and to see the route Santa will travel.

At 6 pm, the Mayor, Clerk, and Trustees will light the Village Christmas Tree at the Community Center located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue.

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable and non-expired food item, an unwrapped toy, or clothing donations to support the Leyden Township Food Pantry. Your donation will spread holiday cheer to those in need.

Give the Gift of Fitness This Holiday Season

Looking for the perfect gift for a friend or family member this year? Why not surprise that special someone with the gift of fitness! Fitness memberships are a great gift idea for anyone who knows how important exercise and nutrition are in supporting a healthy lifestyle. Your friend or family member will enjoy our expanded hours of operations and a clean environment while they work out on state-of-the-art fitness equipment.

Memberships for six months or one year are available for purchase. You may purchase a gift certificate for a fitness pass on Monday through Friday from 9 am until 5 pm at the Schiller Park Recreation Center, located at 9638 W. Irving Park Road. For more information, call (847) 671-8580.



New Changes to Snow Route Parking Restrictions

A new Village ordinance triggers snow removal parking restrictions after just one inch of snowfall has accumulated. This change is effective immediately. Lowering the minimum threshold to one inch of snow (down from three inches) will help Public Works crews to remove snow more efficiently, allowing for a quicker return to street parking.

This change impacts many streets in town so please be sure to check the new signs regarding parking restrictions on your street. A detailed explanation of the new parking restrictions is also available on the Village’s website at villageofschillerpark.com including links to maps providing a visual representation of the exempt and partially exempt areas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village at (847) 678-2550.



A Message from the Fire Chief

Ambulance Billing – How Does It Work?

Ambulance billing is not something you think about until you find yourself in the situation where you need to call an ambulance. When the bill for services arrives, residents are often confused and unsure how to proceed.

Like all municipalities, the Village charges a user fee for ambulance services provided by the Schiller Park Fire Department. This fee is set by the actual cost of service by using Ground Emergency Medical Transportation, (GEMT) calculations, a federal program that helps calculate the cost of service for Medicaid.

The Village’s ambulance billing statements are processed by our contractor Paramedic Billing Service located in Elmhurst. If your insurance information is collected at the time of service, the bill for ambulance services is submitted directly to your insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid and you should not receive a bill.

Sometimes due to the emergency nature of these services and because your health and safety is our primary concern, our paramedics are not able to obtain accurate or complete billing information at the time of transport. If we are unable to obtain your insurance information, a bill will be mailed directly to you, and it is your responsibility to submit the bill to your insurance provider as soon as possible so they can process the payment. Once your insurance provider pays their portion of the bill, it is considered a full payment, and you should not receive another bill for that date of service.

This same process applies to bills related to ambulance services for each date of service provided by the Fire Department.

I hope this information helps to clarify how the billing process works for ambulance services. If you have questions regarding a bill, please call Battalion Chief Greg Swiontek at (847) 678-5136.

Mike Cesaretti
Schiller Park Fire Chief



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