

## Wall of Honor and Flag Retirement Event – June 14

Everyone is invited to attend the Wall of Honor and Flag Retirement event on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 pm at Clock Tower Park. These two solemn ceremonies will honor the military service of our local veterans and will properly retire flags, the symbol of our nation. The Historical Society and the Scouts sponsor this event to celebrate civic pride and to promote a patriotic spirit in the youth of our community. The event will include patriotic songs, the reading of the names of the Schiller Park veterans who will be added to the Wall of Honor, and the ceremonial burning of the retired flags.



## Hit the Pool to Beat the Heat

The best way to stay cool and comfortable in warm weather is by enjoying a refreshing swim. Consider buying pool passes for your family so you can enjoy the pool as often as you like this summer! The Anna Montana Water Park and Memorial Pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 11 at noon. Resident pool passes will go on sale on Monday, May 2 at the Recreation Center, located at 9638 W. Irving Park Road. Don't forget your sunscreen!



## Community Blood Drive - June 21

The next Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday June 21 from 1 pm until 7 pm at the Community Center next to the Community Development Offices located at 4501 N 25th Avenue. Please donate if you are able.



## Be a Good Neighbor – Leash and Clean up After Your Dog

When walking your dog, please carry disposable plastic bags to pick up after your furry friend and bring extra bags just in case. Please pick-up waste on your own property too. Dog waste attracts rodents and other pests.

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## Mayor's Corner



### Community Involvement Helps to Keep Our Town Safe

People choose to live or operate a business in Schiller Park for many reasons. Schiller Park is a family-friendly community with safe neighborhoods and stable home prices. Our residents have access to high-quality Village services, modern public parks, abundant green space, and free or affordable recreational activities and events. Our town also offers a wide variety of niche dining, entertainment, and nightlife options.

But I know that of out of all the things a local government can provide, keeping the community safe and well protected must be our highest priority.

There have been news reports about upticks in crime throughout the Chicagoland region. Schiller Park has not experienced an increase in crime, including violent crime or carjackings. The Village administration is committed to the public safety of our community and ensuring that Schiller Park remains a safe and enjoyable place to live, retire, and conduct business. Our dedicated public safety professionals work hard around the clock to keep our community safe. But we need everyone's help.

### Everyone Has a Role in Public Safety

We need the entire community's involvement in crime prevention. It is important for our residents and our businesses to commit to maintaining their properties. When a community is well-maintained, it will offer fewer opportunities for crime.

You can also help deter crime by taking these simple steps:

- Always lock the doors and windows of your home and garage.
- Use security cameras, including doorbell cameras and register your camera with the Schiller Park Police Department.
- Keep your property well-lit with ample interior and exterior lighting.
- Regularly maintain your property, trim bushes, clear weeds, and debris.
- Lock your car and do not leave anything on the seats that can be viewed from the street.
- Report crime or suspicious activity as soon as possible to help facilitate catching the perpetrators.
- Be a good neighbor – look out for each other and be a second set of eyes for your neighbor's property.

Carjackings are also on the increase across the country. While they have not occurred in Schiller Park there have been incidents in nearby towns. Law enforcement professionals remind everyone that your car is replaceable and if it should happen to you, do not hesitate to give up your car. Be aware of your surroundings especially at stop lights, while pumping gas and when entering or exiting your vehicle.

### Well Maintained Towns Are Less Likely to Experience Crime

The Village has committed to regular inspections of multi-family residential buildings and requires property owners to keep their property up to code and to maintain shared areas including parking lots. We have also upgraded lighting in public places, so residents feel safe on our streets.

The Village does not allow residents to rent out their homes to Airbnb or other rental platforms. The Village's code enforcement helps to stop rental properties from illegal subletting situations.

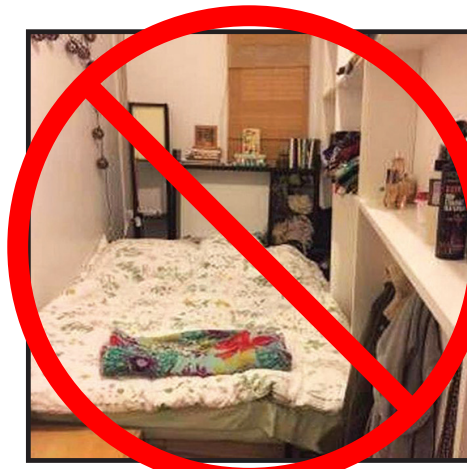
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Our commercial areas are clean, well-lit, and maintained. The Village does not allow video gaming in gas stations or cafes. The Village requires commercial businesses to adhere to strict regulations including prohibiting the use of linear lighting in store windows. Flapping flag signs and large flashing signage are not allowed. Businesses are required to maintain their property including repairing peeling paint and providing clean parking lots.

These regulations make Schiller Park less friendly to someone looking to commit a crime and keep the community safe and attractive for families and senior citizens.

You have heard me say it before, but it bears repeating. Communities are safer when we look out for each other and work together to stop crime.

**Mayor Nick Caiafa**



The Village does not allow commercial businesses to use unattractive flag signs on sidewalks or unsightly lighting and flashing signage in store windows. Village code inspections of multi-family residential buildings help to stop subletting situations and prevent flophouses. These regulations help deter crime.



The Fire and Police Commission swore in three new police officers at recent Board meetings. Officer John O'Grady (left) Officer James Munger (center) and Officer Francisco Mendoza (right) will be joining the police department soon. The Commission recently swore in a firefighter too.

### Don't Be a Victim of a Ruse Burglary

Be cautious when an unsolicited individual says they need access to your home. Ruse burglary offenders seek to distract a homeowner by creating a ploy or phony excuse to enter your home. They will claim to be from the Village, Township or a utility company and will say they need to check something such as your water pipes, fuses, or water pressure or they can say there is an electrical problem on your block. While one offender keeps the homeowner occupied, the other offender will enter the home and to take your cash or other valuables.

Always check a utility worker's identification card. If someone claims to be a Village of Schiller Park employee, make sure they have proper identification and that they are driving a clearly marked Schiller Park vehicle. If something looks suspicious or it does not feel right, call the Schiller Park Police Department at (847) 678-4794 or 9-1-1.

### Purchase Your Vehicle Stickers Now at Lower Price

Vehicle stickers for 2022-2023 are on sale now. Vehicle stickers cost \$20 if purchased by 5 pm on Thursday, June 30. After that date, the price increases to \$40. Residents may renew their vehicle sticker by mail, at Village Hall, or online at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com) by selecting the "Online Payments" button on the homepage and then selecting "Vehicle Sticker Licenses." Senior citizens who are 62 years or older receive free vehicle stickers. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Village at (847) 678-2550.

### Please Complete the Village's Water Service Line Survey

State law requires municipalities to determine the number of lead service lines that are still in use in their community. Residents are asked to please complete the Water Service Line Replacement Survey on the Village's website at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com). Detailed information is provided on the website that will help you identify the key characteristics of lead, copper, and galvanized service lines. If you need assistance, call (847) 671-8506.

### The Village's 2021 Water Quality Report Released

The 2021 Village of Schiller Park Water Quality Report is available for download as a PDF from the Village website at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com). If you would like to have a paper copy of the report mailed to your home call (847) 678-2550 or send a written request to Water Quality Report Request, Village of Schiller Park, 9526 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176. This report contains valuable information about the source and quality of your drinking water in 2021.

### Building Permits – What You Need to Know

The Village has noted a significant increase in the number of requests for building permits in the last few years. The Village Administration has found that the more it invests in roads and infrastructure improvements, the more residents are investing in their homes. This spike in requests for a building permit demonstrates our hometown pride and a community spirit that is unique to Schiller Park.

A building permit is required to allow you or your contractor to proceed with a construction or remodeling project on your property. Permits are usually required for the following (but are not limited to):

- New buildings
- Room additions
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, sheds, pools, patios, pergolas, driveways, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage renovations, basements, kitchens, bathrooms, reroofing, etc.)
- HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning) systems
- Electrical systems and electrical work
- Plumbing systems and plumbing work
- Natural gas expansion (adding new natural gas supply components)

For more information, call (847) 671-8555.

### Report a Service Request Through Village Website

The Village's new service request system allows residents to report a problem or concern through the website. To use the system, visit the Village website at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com) and select the "Service Request System" button. Next, select a problem or concern category, such as Trees, Garbage Service, or Street Maintenance. Users can explain the problem, provide a location, and even submit a photo. Users must supply an email address to receive direct feedback on the status of their request which will be processed as soon as possible. Residents may also call Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 to submit a service request.

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