

Village of Schiller Park

Mayor Nick Caiafa, the Village Board and Administration present ...

Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland

Participants are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item, unwrapped new toy or new clothing donation for the Leyden Township Food Pantry.

Enjoy a bonfire and s'mores with the Fire Department, petting zoo, plus the return of the horse-drawn trolley!



Saturday, December 3
3:00-6:00 PM
Tree Lighting
at 6:00 PM

Community Center
& Ruby Street

Face Coverings are optional. The Community Center & Ruby Street will be transformed into a winter wonderland filled with festive decorations, holiday characters and other surprises that are sure to get your entire family in the holiday spirit. Parking will be available at the Metra Station. Be sure to bring your camera for an optional photo with Santa Claus. For more information visit: villageofschillerpark.com or the Village of Schiller Park Facebook page.

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Schiller Park Village News and Update

Mayor's Corner



Celebrate The Season

The holiday season is upon us, and Schiller Park is ready to let the festivities begin. One of the best ways to celebrate the season is to join your neighbors at our beloved holiday tradition:

Santa's Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting Event
Saturday, December 3 from 3 pm until 6 pm
Schiller Park Community Center, 4501 25th Avenue,
and along Ruby Street (parking will be available in the Metra lot)

This free event will include family-focused activities, refreshments and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please see Page 4 of this newsletter for more details, and watch our Village website and Facebook page for updates. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the season together.

Giving to others demonstrates our compassionate and caring community spirit. We encourage you to focus on the true meaning of the holidays by donating resources or your time to spread cheer to those in need. The Leyden Township Food Pantry, located at 2501 N. Mannheim Road in Franklin Park, collects non-expired and non-perishable food items, new clothing, and toys. 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, or the Township's website at leydentownship.com/services/social-services/food-pantry.

Additionally, the Leyden Family Services' Food Pantry, located at 10001 Grand Avenue in Franklin Park, is collecting non-perishable boxed or canned food items. They are also accepting donations of gift cards for local grocery stores. To learn more about how to contribute to this organization, go to leydenfamilyservices.org.

On behalf of the Village Board, administration, and staff, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Nick Caiafa

Wishing You a Healthy and
Happy Holiday Season!
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Village offices will be closed on December 26 and on January 2.

Trash pickup will not be affected by the holidays and will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, December 20 and 27 and on Tuesday January 3.

The Schiller Park Library will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 and on December 31.

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, with the goal of eventually eliminating them. Schiller Park Public Works Water Department employees are currently going door-to-door asking residents to allow them to inspect their water service line. Water Department employees will have Village identification and are seeking to identify the type of material that comprises the water service line.

Residents who prefer not to give Village employees access to their home will be given a postcard that provides detailed instructions on how to use their phone or computer to complete the service line survey. Instructions on how to complete the survey can be found at villageofschillerpark.com. If you need assistance, call (847) 671-8506.

2023 Village Calendars Available Now

The Village of Schiller Park calendar is available to all residents at Village Hall, the Recreation Center, the Schiller Park Public Library, and the Community Development Offices located at 4501 25th Avenue. Stop in and get your free copy soon!

Blood Drive – Please Donate on December 21

We are told there is a critical need for blood donations. 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. Please consider donating blood, it could save a life. Walk-ins are welcome, however appointments are preferred and encouraged. You may make an appointment by calling Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or by visiting their website at www.vitalant.org. Remember to eat a healthy meal and stay hydrated before donating blood. Please bring a photo ID with you.



Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa, and Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco Biscaglio received their flu shots – did you? Get your vaccination to help avoid getting the flu this winter. Consult with your doctor about all vaccinations. You can get a flu vaccine and Covid booster from your health provider, a local pharmacy, or area walk-in clinic.

Changes to Snow Route Parking Restrictions in Effect

The Village's parking restrictions, introduced last year, remain in effect. The ordinance triggers snow removal parking restrictions after just one (1) inch of snowfall has accumulated. Lowering the minimum threshold to one inch of snow (down from three inches) makes it possible for the Village's Public Works crews to remove snow more efficiently, allowing for a quicker return to street parking. This change affects many streets in town, so 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.



The Recreation Department's gymnasium was updated with new lights, paint, and several new amenities including adjustable basketball backboards and rims, curtain dividers, and a refurbished gymnasium floor.



The Schiller Park Library has fun and festive events planned for the holiday season. The Library is located at 4200 Old River Road. For more information about the events listed below call (847) 678-0433 or visit schillerparklibrary.org.



The Library is Collecting Letters for Santa

Did you know that the Schiller Park Public Library has a direct line to the North Pole? Do you want to make sure that Santa knows what is on your most wanted gift list this year? Then write a letter to Santa and bring it to the Library! Children can use the mailbox in the Children's World area to send their letter to Santa. Santa will respond to every letter he receives by sending a signed "Nice List" Certificate to your home. Remember to include your home address on the letter you write for Santa! This program will run from November 26 through December 16.

Drop-in at the Trim the Tree Workshop

Visit the Children's World section of the Library to create a Christmas ornament to hang on the Library's tree. You can also make one to take home too. This program runs from December 1 through December 10 and while supplies last.

Winter Holiday Tales - December 10

Celebrate the season as nationally known family entertainer, Chris Fascione brings multicultural winter holiday tales from around the world to life by creating colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. This event is open to all ages and will take place on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 am at the Library.



Gingerbread Fun - December 15

Join Children's World staff at the Library on Thursday, December 15 at 4 pm for a special gingerbread-themed story time. After the story is read, children will participate in a gingerbread hunt. Everyone who attends will be entered to win a gingerbread decorating kit. Seating is limited and this event requires pre-registration. Please call (847) 678-0433 to register.

Snacks and Stories with Santa - December 17

Join the fun at the Library for a merry morning of holiday fun on Saturday, December 17 from 10:30 am until 11:30 am. The event will include crafts, snacks, and story time with Santa. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required by calling (847) 678-0433 no later than December 14. Please bring your camera to take photos.