



Mayor's Corner



Property Cleared and Ready for Redevelopment

I want to thank all of our residents for their patience as the Village went through the process to demolish McClean's Car Wash, located at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and River Road. Though the construction fence went up months ago, for public health and safety reasons, the building had to undergo lead and asbestos mitigation. Additionally, each utility company needed to verify that everything was disconnected and removed. This was a long process, as any prior disconnections occurred many years ago. It took time for each utility to respond to our request. Nicor was the last utility to verify disconnection on December 21, 2022, providing the all-clear to have the building demolished.

The Village used the fact that there was an ongoing problem with graffiti on the building as leverage to bring the landlord to the table for discussions about the property. Our legal counsel advised us to discontinue enforcement on the property while negotiations continued. The graffiti and building violations were our tools to get this demolition completed and to ready the property for redevelopment.

The Village does not own this property, it is privately-owned. We have had five development offers over five years on this property. Offers included car washes, a coffee shop, and convenience stores, both with and without gas stations. The owner originally owned the entire corner, including the motel and Denny's, for which there were parking and sign easements. These easements complicate the sale of the property. We continue to work diligently to get the property redeveloped, however the Village cannot determine to whom it is sold since the property is privately owned. The administration and I are dedicated to developing the property in a way that contributes to the attractiveness and desirability of our community.

Eggstravaganza Parade on Saturday, April 8

Everyone loves a parade! On behalf of the Village Board and administration, I invite you to join the fun and watch the Village's Eggstravaganza Parade on Saturday, April 8. The Parade will kick-off at 10 am at Village Hall. Be on the lookout for Village vehicles as they escort the Bunny and friends throughout town, and listen for sirens to signal the parade's arrival. Small treat bags will be given to children.

You will find the parade route map on Page 4 of this newsletter. Maps are also available at Village Hall, on our website, and Facebook page.

See you at the parade!

Mayor Nick Caiafa



Recently the Village was able to facilitate demolition of the eyesore at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and River Road and is working hard to get the property redeveloped.

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Water Service Line Survey

The Village needs your help in identifying what type of water service line is being used to provide service to your home. Please take the time to complete the survey which will allow the Village to meet the requirements of the Illinois Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act.



- Scan the QR Code on the left or visit our website at villageofschillerpark.com and click on “Water Service Line Replacement Survey.”
- Follow the instructions to answer the questions and upload a photo of your service line material.
- Provide your address and contact information. Then click “Submit” and you’re finished!

If you need assistance or have questions, please call (847) 678-2550.

Your Opinions Matter

Voters will find an advisory question on the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election Ballot.

The Village Board chose to place this question before the public because we believe the taxpayers have the right to be heard on this important issue.

The question addresses the issue of replacing aging infrastructure and lead water service lines, which may cause a threat to public health. Many mature towns, such as ours, are facing the same dilemma. The State of Illinois has passed an unfunded mandate requiring that municipalities must replace all lead service lines within 15 years.

In Schiller Park, at least 25% of service lines to single family homes are lead. This will be a tremendous expense for the resident, so the Village decided to ask all residents to pitch in. If the Village does not help homeowners pay for remediation, a seller would be responsible for replacing the lead lines at a cost that could reach approximately \$10,000 per home. Soon home inspectors will flag these services when the home is sold. This referendum would allow the entire Village to pitch in.

The question reads as follows:

“Shall the Village of Schiller Park, Cook County, Illinois charge five dollars a month on each single-family residence water bill to partially fund infrastructure and lead service line replacement costs throughout the Village?” YES or NO

Please enter your response to this advisory question so that the Village may gauge public opinion on this critical issue.

Historical Society Open House – April 15

The Schiller Park Historical Society will host an Open House on Saturday, April 15 from 11 am until 2 pm at Washington School located at 4835 Michigan Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend and to learn more about the rich history and heritage of Schiller Park. For more information, call (847) 349-7838.

Yard Waste and Branch Removal Begins in April

Yard waste removal will begin on Tuesday, April 4 and will take place every Tuesday through November. Yard Waste must be placed in a 32 gallon or smaller water tight container (marked “Yard Waste Only”) or in a 32 gallon or smaller biodegradable paper bag or it will not be removed. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Flood Brothers will collect all bundles of brush or tree limbs, with the following restrictions:

- Bundles must be 45 pounds or less and 4 feet in length or shorter.
- Bundles cannot contain limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter.
- Tree limbs cannot be more than 2 feet in diameter.
- Bundles must be tied together with biodegradable material.

If you have branches that need to be removed but do not meet the above restrictions, please utilize the Village’s Service Request System via our website and select the “Trees” option (*Trimming, Removal, etc.*) or call (847) 678-2550 and Public Works will remove your branches from your curb on Wednesdays.

Alternate Side Street Sweeping Reminder

Village street sweeping will begin the week of April 10. Street sweeping takes place on the side of the street with even numbered addresses every 2nd and 4th Monday and on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Street sweeping hours are from 8 am until 4 pm. Remember to move your car to avoid getting a ticket.

Pool Opens on June 10

The Anna Montana Water Park and Memorial Pool is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, June 10. Pre-season discounted pool passes are on sale Monday, April 3 through Sunday, June 11.

Detailed information about pool passes and other summer activities including Day Camps, will be provided in the Recreation Department’s Summer Brochure. Be sure to check the Village website at villageofschillerpark.com for its April release.



Summer Jobs with the Village - Apply Now

The Village’s Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for seasonal summer positions for lifeguard and aquatic staff, summer day camp positions, and park maintenance. To obtain an application, please visit the Village website at villageofschillerpark.com or call (847) 671-8580.

Leyden Bears – Register for 2023 Season

The Leyden Bears Football and Cheer Program is designed for boys and girls, ages 5 through 8th grade for tackle football and ages 7 to 14 for cheerleading. Leyden Bears have joined with Chicagoland Pop Warner for the 2023 season. Registration will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am until 3 pm at Grant Park Recreation Center located at 44 Golfview Drive in Northlake.

The fee is \$300 per child for football and cheerleading, with a deposit of \$150 per child due on March 25.

The final balance, plus the Volunteer fee of \$25 will be due in July on equipment/uniform pick up day.

Children must be present at registration and provide a valid birth certificate. This is not a school sponsored event. For more information, please email Bill Otte: president@leydenbears.com or info@leydenbears.com.