



# Schiller Park

## Village News and Update

### Mayor's Corner



#### Welcome Fall!

September marks the official start of autumn. I encourage you to get out and enjoy our local parks and Forest Preserves during these pleasant fall days. Take advantage of the last of the pleasant weather to prepare your yard and home for winter.

Schiller Park prides itself on being a Village of neighbors who care about their community and each other. As such, we are committed to making Schiller Park a safe, vibrant, and friendly community for residents of all ages. Studies suggest most adults hope to age in place; preferring to remain in their homes and communities as they grow older. To ensure Schiller Park remains a community that residents of all ages can call home, we need your input to better serve you.

Please complete this important survey, which is open to residents of all ages and is included in this newsletter. By obtaining your feedback, we can understand your needs and develop programs and policies that will support your desire to remain in your own home as you grow older.

Simply cut out the survey and once you complete it, put it in one of the designated drop boxes at the Recreation Center, Village Hall, or several other convenient locations throughout town. You may also mail it to Mary Maltese at the Recreation Center, 9638 Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176. A complete list of drop-off locations is on the back of the survey.

Thank you for your participation.

#### OUR PARTNERS IN SUCCESS

Recently, the Village was forced to delay critical flood mitigation projects when it was determined we would not qualify for "Rebuild Illinois" funds. With the design engineering completed and flood mitigation greatly needed, these projects would have been paused until the Village's Capital Improvement Fund could fund them.

Engineers from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) were already engaged in Village flood control projects with our engineers, so we requested a partnership with the agency. I am happy to report that at the August MWRD Board meeting, their Commissioners approved an Intergovernmental Agreement that committed \$1.5 million of the \$1.9 million needed for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of drainage improvements in the area on the southwest side of town including on Wesley Terrace, Grace, and Gremley Avenue for stormwater drainage. This effort will greatly help flood mitigation in the residential area located in the far southeast part of town.

On behalf of the Village Board, I want to thank the MWRD Commissioners for agreeing to partner with the Village on flood control. I also want to thank our Congressman Mike Quigley for engaging the Army Corp of Engineers to lead this project and bring it to completion. The Army Corp is expected to spend \$1.2 of the \$1.6 million to complete this important detention pond project. Collaborating with our regional partners has saved the Village money, and helped make Schiller Park a stronger, safer, and more desirable community! Enjoy the autumn colors!

Mayor Nick Caiafa

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#### Yard Waste Reminder

All yard waste including grass, tree, and shrub clippings should be placed in a waterproof plastic or metal container with a tight-fitting cover (32-gallon maximum size) or in biodegradable bags that cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight. Label the container or bag "Yard Waste." "Yard Waste Only" stickers are available for free at Village Hall. Flood Brothers, the Village's contractor will remove yard waste in containers or bags on Tuesdays through November 21, 2023.

As a reminder, yard waste does not include dirt, construction debris, tires, or electronics; these items will not be removed. The Village provides a free electronics recycling container for Schiller Park residents that is located behind the Public Works garage in the Village Hall Parking lot.

Last Date for Branch Pickup is Wednesday, November 22 (day before Thanksgiving).

#### Branch Removal Services to Be By Appointment Only in 2024

The Village's contractor, Flood Brothers Disposal, provides a variety of services for single family, two-flat, and three-flat residences including curbside refuse and recycling collection, curbside collection of bulk & oversized items, white goods (i.e., appliances), construction debris (in cans or plastic bags of certain sizes), and unlimited curbside yard waste including branch collection (based on certain guidelines). These services are provided at no additional cost to residents. A brochure providing detailed information for garbage, recycling, and yard waste services offered by Flood Brothers is available at Village Hall or on the website at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com). **The Village strongly prefers that residents use Flood Brothers for these services, including weekly branch removal.**

While the Public Works Department also provides weekly branch removal services, it is not efficient for Village trucks to travel through the entire town. Therefore, **beginning in 2024, Public Works crews will be conducting branch collection by appointment only.** You may schedule an appointment to have your branches removed from your curb by utilizing the Village's Service Request System via our website (select the "Trees" option) or by calling (847) 678-2550.

**Beginning in 2024, residents wishing to have branches removed must make an appointment. Branches left on the parkway without an appointment will not be removed.** Public Works branch removal will take place on Wednesdays from March through November. You do not need to be present during the appointment. Beginning in 2024, the weekly deadline to schedule a branch removal appointment is 7 am every Wednesday. Appointments that are scheduled after the deadline will be collected the following Wednesday.

The Village encourages residents to utilize the variety of services offered by Flood Brothers. Thank you for your cooperation.



Remember please do not put leaves or grass clippings in the street, as this will clog the sewers and cause flooding.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

9526 Irving Park Road  
Schiller Park, Illinois 60176  
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please detach your completed survey and mail it to:

#### Mary Maltese

Senior Services Coordinator  
Schiller Park Recreation Department  
9638 Irving Park Road  
Schiller Park, IL 60176

or You may return your completed survey in person to any of the following locations:

**Schiller Park Recreation Center**  
9638 Irving Park Road

**Schiller Park Village Hall**  
9526 Irving Park Road

**Schiller Park Community Center**  
4501 N. 25th Avenue

**Schiller Park Public Library**  
4200 Old River Road

**Leyden Family Service**  
10013 W. Grand Avenue  
(in Franklin Park)

#### Grace Park Condominiums (residents only)

Residents of Grace Park Condominiums may put their completed survey in the survey drop box in the lobby.

# Goodbye Summer – We Had a Blast

Schiller Park residents enjoyed a variety of fun summer events including a fantastic series of Rockin' in the Park concerts and family-oriented movies at our beautiful gazebo. A Chance to Dance provided an opportunity for people to get up and dance the night away to DJ Sho and four terrific dance instructors, Whitney, Manny, Greg, and Agnieszki who helped to kick off our last event-filled weekend.

The annual Pierogi & Fun event drew an enthusiastic crowd and benefited the Schiller Park based Gift from the Heart Foundation, an organization that helps children who require specialty medical care.

Thank you to the members of the Schiller Park Fire Department, Fire Fighters Local 5230 and its President Mike Miletta for organizing the Car Show which featured a wonderful line-up of classic cars. The Block Party included food vendors, a DJ, live music, and other family-focused entertainment.



## When You Give, Others Live - Blood Drive – October 17

Donating blood is an act of kindness and generosity, it helps people in need, including people in our own community. Donors keep our blood supply stable, which is critically important because blood is needed every day of the year.

If you are able, please consider donating at the Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 17 from 1 pm until 7 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may make an appointment by calling Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or by visiting their website at vitalant.org. Eat a healthy meal and stay hydrated before donating blood. Please bring a photo ID with you to the Blood Drive to be held at the Community Center, located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue.

## Fall Family Fest – October 21

The Village's Fall Family Fest (formerly known as Halloween Howl) will be held on Saturday, October 21 from Noon until 2 pm at Kennedy Park located at 4001 Scott Street. Join us for a day of family fun and entertainment that will include games, inflatables, pumpkins, favorite fall foods, a trail of goodies, visits with familiar characters, and more. Please be sure to bring your cameras to take great fall photos. Admission is free.



Everyone had a spooktacular time last year at our Halloween Howl which has now become our annual Fall Family Fest scheduled for October 21.

**Fall 2023 Recreation Brochure Available**

The Village's Recreation Department has published its Fall 2023 Recreation Brochure. Learn more about all the fun events and activities available this fall and see the line-up of classes available for adults and children. To view the brochure, go to [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com) or pick up a copy at the Recreation Center at 9638 Irving Park Road or Village Hall.



### Trick or Treat Hours

The Village has designated the hours of 3 pm until 7 pm for trick-or-treating on Halloween. 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](http://villageofschillerpark.com).

## LIBRARY CORNER



Visit the Schiller Park Public Library's website at [schillerparklibrary.org](http://schillerparklibrary.org) to learn about all the services, programs, and events available to the community. The library is located at 4200 Old River Road and is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am until 5 pm, on Tuesday and Thursday from Noon until 8 pm and is closed on Sunday. To register for a class, call (847) 678 - 0433.

### DROP-IN TECH HELP ON TUESDAYS

Have a quick tech question? The staff at the library can help! Visit the library during our weekly Tech Help Drop-In sessions on Tuesdays, from 6 pm until 7 pm and remember to bring your device. Sessions are limited to 15 minutes. The library is unable to assist with in-depth technology issues, hardware repairs, or specialized software instruction.



### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS SERIES

The library will be providing a weekly series of computer classes for those who are learning to use a computer or refresh their skills. The sessions are open to anyone age 18 or older and are held on Wednesdays in October at 10:30 am. Registration is required. Dates and topics for October:  
 October 4 - Mouse & Keyboard Basics  
 October 11 - Microsoft Windows  
 October 18 - Internet Basics  
 October 25 - Email for Beginners

### Eclipse Kick-Off – October 7

Join the library on Saturday, October 7 from 11 am until 1 pm for a fun space themed STEM activity event. The event is in anticipation of the Solar Eclipse (that will occur on October 14) and will include refreshments and participants will receive a pair of FREE solar eclipse glasses. This event is open to everyone, but registration is required. To register, call (847) 678-0433.

### Mystery at the Library – October 17

It's Halloween and there is a party at Monster Mansion, but one of the party goers has stolen something precious from their host. Can you help them find the culprit? Register to participate in this live action mystery which allows children to portray a character and solve the mystery. The event will be held at the library on Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. The event is open to children age 13 and older and costumes are encouraged. You must register by calling (847) 678-0433.

### Say Boo & Scary On Halloween Fun

You can't spell book without BOO! Children age 12 and younger can participate in a Halloween themed event on Tuesday, October 31 from 3 pm until 7 pm.

Also, remember to go to the library in your costume on Halloween to receive a spooktacular treat.



# Schiller Park Residents' Survey

The Village of Schiller Park is part of a program looking for ways to be a **community for all ages** and help support its residents as they transition towards **Aging-in-Community**. We invite your input – regardless of your current age or whether you see **Aging-in-Community** as applying to you.

**Please complete and submit this survey.**  
**Your name or contact information is not required.**

- 1) What is your current age? \_\_\_\_ years **(Fill in blank)**  
 And how long have you lived in Schiller Park)? \_\_\_\_ years **(Fill in blank)**
- 2) How do you get information about Schiller Park's general programs, services, or events?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 3) Do you currently use any programs or services offered to support Schiller Park's older adults? If so, please indicate which ones and how you get the information regarding these programs or services:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 4) Are there additional programs or services that might be offered to enhance support of Schiller Park's older adult residents? What types: \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 5) Describe your current housing situation (single-family house, townhome, apartment, in an older adult building, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 6) Will you be able to age in your current housing (Stay) or will you have to move at some point (Move)? Stay or Move **(Circle one)** If you feel you will need to move at some point, how will your next housing have to be different from your current housing?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 7) How do you generally get to places you need in and around Schiller Park for your shopping, appointments, social activities, etc. (private car, public transportation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**
- 8) When either walking or using an assistive device (wheelchair, walker, cane, etc.), do you generally find it easy to get around Schiller Park? Yes or No **(Circle one)**
- 9) Do you generally find Schiller Park's public places (parks, public buildings, etc.) easily accessible and adequate for your use? Yes or No **(Circle one)** Do you generally find your neighborhood easily accessible and adequate for your use? Yes or No **(Circle one)**
- 10) Please share any additional ideas about how Schiller Park could better support older adults Aging-in-Community:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **(Describe)**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ **(optional)** phone or email \_\_\_\_\_ **(optional)**