

Schiller Park Rockin' in the Park Summer Concert Series - 2024

Save the dates for our fantastic line-up of free summer concerts at Clock Tower Park, located at 9501 Irving Park Road. Watch for details on our website at villageofschillerpark.com and our Village Facebook page, as shows are subject to change as well as subject to the weather.

- June 13: The Rockfathers** - Rock & pop covers.
- June 27: Anthony Cassano Quartet** - The best of Sinatra, Martin, Bennett, & more.
- July 11: The Tony Ocean Show** - Rat Pack, Motown, and other crooner classics.
- July 25: Daniela Crocco with DJ Alex** - The Jersey Girl from Schiller Park, sings songs from the 80's to Now with a little Italian flair!
- Aug 8: LakeSide City** - Classic and modern rock covers.
- Aug 22: Tangent** - Classic and modern rock covers featuring several Schiller Park residents.
- August 25: The Jersey Girls** - "Voted Favorite Girl Group of the Midwest" will perform at the Car Show at the Metra Lot.



Mayor's Corner

Welcome Spring!

Let's celebrate Spring and our great community together. I can't think of a better way to welcome the season than to enjoy our annual Eggstravaganza Parade on Saturday, March 30.

The parade will kick off at 10 am from Village Hall. Village vehicles will escort the Easter Bunny and friends throughout town. Small treat bags will be handed out to children. Listen for the sirens to signal the parade's arrival into your neighborhood. The parade will travel on most streets in town, so check the map to see whether the parade will come down your street or nearby. The parade route map is on Page 5. Maps are also available at Village Hall, on our website at villageofschillerpark.com, and on our Facebook page. On behalf of the Village Board and administration, I invite you to join in the fun.

Giving from the Heart

The Gift from the Heart Foundation is a Schiller Park based charity that serves children from abroad and helps them receive critically needed medical care. I recently participated in their annual Radiothon Fundraiser to raise critically needed funds to allow them to continue their mission. For 30 years, the foundation has helped over one thousand children receive the most up-to-date medical treatments from the highest quality clinics throughout the country.

Welcome to Schiller Park

I was honored to participate in a blessing ceremony commemorating the dedication of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Schiller Park. The church is located inside the former Saint Maria Goretti Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Blase Cupich joined the Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Midwest, Metropolitan Nathanael, in this moving ceremony. We are delighted to welcome them to our community.

Mayor Nick Caiafa



Mayor Nick Caiafa and Village Trustee Russell Klug and Clerk Rosa Jos attended the blessing ceremony and dedication of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church which now makes its home in Schiller Park.



Mayor Nick Caiafa participated in the Radiothon fundraising event with polskieradio.com to raise funds to support the Gift of the Heart Foundation. The Village also co-hosts the annual Pierogi & Fun event to support the organization, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2024. Mark your calendars for that fun and tasty event.

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Yard Waste Removal Begins April 2

Flood Brothers, the Village’s garbage & recycling contractor will remove yard waste every Tuesday beginning on April 2, 2024 through late November. Yard waste includes grass, shrubs, tree clippings, and leaves. Yard waste must be placed in a 32 gallon or smaller waterproof plastic or metal container with a tight-fitting cover or in a biodegradable paper bag or it will not be removed. Containers and bags must weigh less than 50 pounds and be marked “Yard Waste Only”.



Flood Brothers will also remove tree branch bundles on Tuesday with the following requirements:

- Bundles must be 50 pounds or less and 4 feet in length or shorter.
- Tree branch 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 which is available at Village Hall or at the Recreation Center.

If you have branches that need to be removed but do not meet the above restrictions, you must make an appointment for removal by the Village’s Public Works Department. Please see the details in the story below.

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.

Branch Removal Service By Public Works – Now By Appointment Only

This service is only for removal of branches that do not meet the Flood Brothers requirements in the Yard Waste procedures outlined above.

Beginning on April 3, 2024, Public Works crews will be conducting branch collection by appointment only. Branch removal will take place on Wednesdays through November. Branches left on the parkway without an appointment will not be removed. You do not need to be present during the appointment.

You may schedule an appointment to have your branches removed from your curb on Wednesdays by utilizing the Village’s Service Request System via our website at villageofschillerpark.com and select the “Trees” option (Trimming, Removal, etc.). Although the preferred method of scheduling the appointment is by utilizing the Service Request System, you may schedule an appointment by calling (847) 678-2550. The weekly deadline to schedule a branch removal appointment is 7am every Wednesday.

Alternate Side Street Sweeping Reminder

Village street sweeping will begin the week of April 8. 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, including a fine.

Building Permits Are Required

Before you start a building or construction project at your home or business location, you should contact the Village to discuss your plans with a Permit Coordinator at (847) 671-8555. A building permit is usually required for most projects including the following (but 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)
- HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems
- Electrical and plumbing systems and repairs
- Natural gas expansion (adding new natural gas supply components)

Clean Up After Your Pets

While out on walks with your furry friends, remember to always carry disposable plastic bags to pick up after them. It’s also important to promptly clean up after your pets on your own property. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can make people and your pet sick. Your neighbors will thank you for helping to keep our community clean.



American Legion Post 104 Centennial Celebration – April 26

The Schiller Park Post 104 of the American Legion will celebrate its centennial year with a black-tie event on Friday, April 26 at 6 pm at Alegra Banquets, located at 5035 North River Road. All service members, veterans, first responders and their supporters are invited to enjoy a memorable evening that will include an open bar, dinner, live entertainment, and dancing. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased through Eventbrite (link: <http://tinyurl.com/ykkjk2kw>) or by calling (312) 772-9299.

In addition, the Village is pleased to announce that our Community Center will be renamed in honor of Schiller Park Post 104 of the American Legion. A special unveiling of the new sign will take place just prior to the start of the Centennial Celebration gala.

Library Corner...

The Schiller Park Public Library is located at 4200 Old River Road. To learn more about the following events, call (847) 678 – 0433 or visit their website at schillerparklibrary.org.

The Out of This World Space Show – March 23

Enjoy this solar spectacular event presented by Smarty Pants on Saturday, March 23 at 11 am. The event features magic, comedy, GIANT balloon props, and an amazing finale that features a full-scale model of the solar system with the world’s biggest balloon sun! Receive a pair of FREE Solar Eclipse glasses for attending.

Annual Bookmark Contest in April

In honor of National Library Week, the library will host a bookmark contest April 1 through April 30 for kids, tweens, teens, and adults who attend Schiller Park schools or reside in Schiller Park. Full details will be on the entry form available at the library or downloaded from their website at schillerparklibrary.org.

Celebrate National Library Week

Visit the library during National Library Week from Monday, April 8 through Saturday, April 13 to participate in activities and to receive giveaways. Each new library card registrant will receive a welcome kit!

Hello May Photo Contest

Share the joy of the season’s arrival by submitting a photo inspired by spring using any type of camera or cell phone and compete to win a prize! Email submissions to programs@schillerparklibrary.org by May 31. All photo entries must include your full name and phone number. Participants agree to allow images to be shared on the library’s social media pages. The contest is open to anyone age 12 years or older who resides in Schiller Park. One entry per participant.

Smart911 – Learn About This Important Service

The Village of Schiller Park urges residents to sign up for Smart911, the free, private, and secure service that provides call takers and first responders with the critical information needed to assist you in any kind of emergency. When you register, call takers will be able to immediately view your address and medical information for everyone in your household including their special needs, medications, and medical devices. It will also display your home’s access points, property layout and key box information if provided in your profile. You may also include a description of your pets and vehicles and indicate your emergency contacts. You may provide as much or as little information as you like.

Smart911 ensures that your profile is immediately available in the event you cannot verbally provide your information. When every second counts, it could help emergency responders locate a missing loved one with dementia or autism.

Smart911 is a national service so it travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

To learn more about this free service, plan to attend a brief information session at the Library on either Thursday, March 28 from 1 pm until 2 pm or on Thursday, May 30 from 4:30 pm until 5:30 pm. 9-1-1 Dispatch representatives will be at the event and can register residents for the service.

To learn more about this service, visit Smart911.com or the Village’s website at villageofschillerpark.com.

Tea Party – April 10

It’s tea time! The Village is pleased to announce that the Schiller Park Historical Society will bring back a beloved tradition in Schiller Park by hosting a Tea Party on Saturday, April 20 from 1 pm until 3:30 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center.



Sandwiches, sweets, and tea will be served, and the Leyden High School Choir will perform at the event. Reservations must be made by April 10. Tickets are \$25 and will not be sold at the door. Reservations can be made by calling the Historical Society at (847) 349-7838 or by mailing a reservation request and your payment to: Schiller Park Historical Society | 4835 Michigan Avenue | Schiller Park, IL 60176.

Gather your friends and make a reservation soon to participate in this much-loved event. Do not forget to wear your hat, gloves, and pearls!

Summer Jobs with the Recreation Department – Apply Now

We are hiring for seasonal positions for lifeguard, concessions, pool attendants and admission roles at the Anna Montana Water Park & Memorial Pool. To obtain an application, visit the Village website at villageofschillerpark.com or call (847) 671-8580.



Pool Opens on June 8

The Anna Montana Water Park and Memorial Pool is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, June 8. Pre-season discounted pool passes are on sale Monday, April 1 through Sunday, June 9. Detailed information about pool passes, swim lessons, and pool rentals are available on the Village website at villageofschillerpark.com.

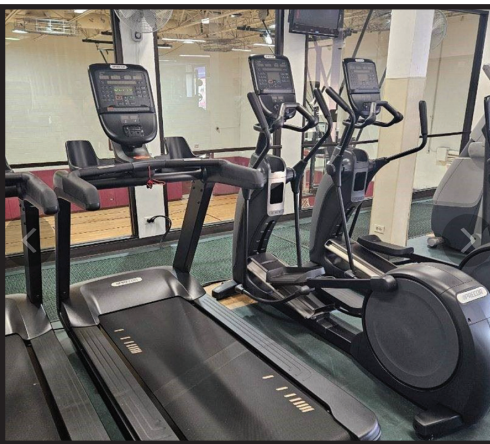
Summer Activities & Camp

Information about additional summer activities, including Day Camps, will be provided in the Recreation Department’s Summer Brochure. Be sure to check the Village website for its April release.

Register for Spring Thunder Soccer League

Celebrating 40 years serving the Leyden Township community, the Thunder Soccer Club accepts boys and girls at any skill level. Registration is open now through March 29 for the spring season. To register, go to thundersoccerclub.net/registration.

SAVE THE DATE – The Baseball and Softball Opening Day Parade will be held on Saturday April 20. Watch our Village Facebook page and website at villageofschillerpark.com for details.



The Schiller Park Fitness Center was recently upgraded with new paint, improved rubber flooring, and state-of-the art cardio and strength training equipment. If you are ready to take your workout to the next level or if you are a beginner, give our Fitness Center a try! For more information, contact the Recreation Center center at (847) 671-8580 or visit at 9638 W. Irving Park Road.