

Fall Family Fest – October 19

The Village's Fall Family Fest will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 11 am until 1 pm at Kennedy Park/Shelton Field, located at 4001 Scott Street. Join us for a day of family fun and entertainment that will include games, inflatables, pumpkins, favorite fall treats, and more. Bring your cameras to take great fall photos. Admission is free.



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, post a sign in the window or on the door of your home to indicate that you are NOT participating. Have fun and be safe!

Donating Blood Saves Lives

If you are able, please consider donating at the Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 15 from 1 pm until 7 pm at the Community Center located at 4501 N 25th Avenue.

Donating blood is critically important and helps people in need, including people in our own community. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may make an appointment by calling Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or by visiting vitalant.org. Eat a healthy meal and stay hydrated before donating blood. Please bring a photo ID with you.

LIBRARY CORNER

Visit the Schiller Park Public Library's website at schillerparklibrary.org to learn about all the fun and informative services, programs, and events available to the community.

The library is located at 4200 Old River Road. To register for a class, call (847) 678 - 0433.

Girls Who Code

Join the Library's Girls Who Code club and learn several types of coding. Chromebooks are provided. The class is open to girls in grades 6 through 12. Registration is required and the class is limited to six participants. Classes will be held from 5 pm until 6 pm on the following Tuesdays: October 1, October 8, October 15, October 22, October 29, November 5, and November 12.

Peanuts Great Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

Visit Children's World at the Library to spot Charlie Brown and his friends and complete the scavenger hunt for a spooktacular small prize. This event is open to children ages 2 through 12 on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30 during Library hours.

Say Boo and Scary On!

Don't forget to go to the library in your costume on Halloween for some fun indoor treat-or-treating. Children age 12 and younger are invited on Thursday, October 31 from 3 pm until 7 pm.



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Mayor's Corner



Input Is Needed on Tollway Expansion Project in Schiller Park

The Illinois Tollway's expansion project is one of the largest transportation projects in Illinois history and will greatly benefit our community. The multi-year effort will have a direct impact on connectivity issues within Schiller Park by easing congestion and improving travel time throughout the area. The project will also have a positive impact on economic development as improvements are completed to the I-294 interchange at IL Route 19 / Irving Park Road.

The Illinois Tollway is interested in the concerns of our community as it moves into the next phase of completing this critically important regional project. In partnership with the Village of Schiller Park, the Illinois Tollway will host a public meeting to solicit input and to answer questions and concerns from our residents.

Public Meeting – Illinois Tollway Expansion Project

**Tuesday, October 8
4 pm until 7 pm
Schiller Park Community Center
4501 25th Avenue**

Please plan to attend the event and learn more about the potential improvements to the I-294 interchange at IL Route 19 / Irving Park Road (see the map on page 2). The meeting will be conducted in an open house format allowing residents to drop-in anytime between 4 pm and 7 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to review exhibits, provide input on transportation issues and needs in the study area, and meet with Tollway, IDOT, and project team representatives.

Enjoy Autumn in Schiller Park

I hope our Schiller Park residents will utilize the new pedestrian trail bridge constructed over Lawrence Avenue to safely access the Des Plaines River Trail. I was pleased to attend the ribbon-cutting event for the completion of the \$12.5-million project that improved a 4.4-mile stretch along the Des Plaines River Trail, from Lawrence Avenue to Touhy Avenue. Trail improvements include relocating parts of the trail away from the river and out of the floodplain and construction of a new boardwalk to raise the path in a section that had a history of flooding.

Funding was obtained due to a partnership of the West Central Municipal Conference and the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Funding has also been secured for construction of Segment 4 from Lawrence Avenue to Irving Park Road which includes a bridge over Irving Park.

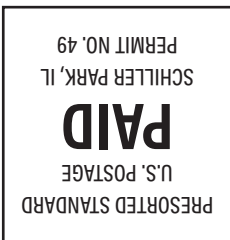
Connecting with nature can improve your physical and mental health. Take advantage of the fall weather and explore what our local parks, the Cook County Forest Preserves, and the Des Plaines River Trail have to offer.

Mayor Nick Caiafa

Officials celebrated the renovations of the Des Plaines River Trail on August 6, 2024. Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Rosemont Mayor and State Representative Brad Stephens, Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa and Trustees Russell Klug and Thomas Deegan, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Interim General Superintendent Eileen Figel, and River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin attended the event.



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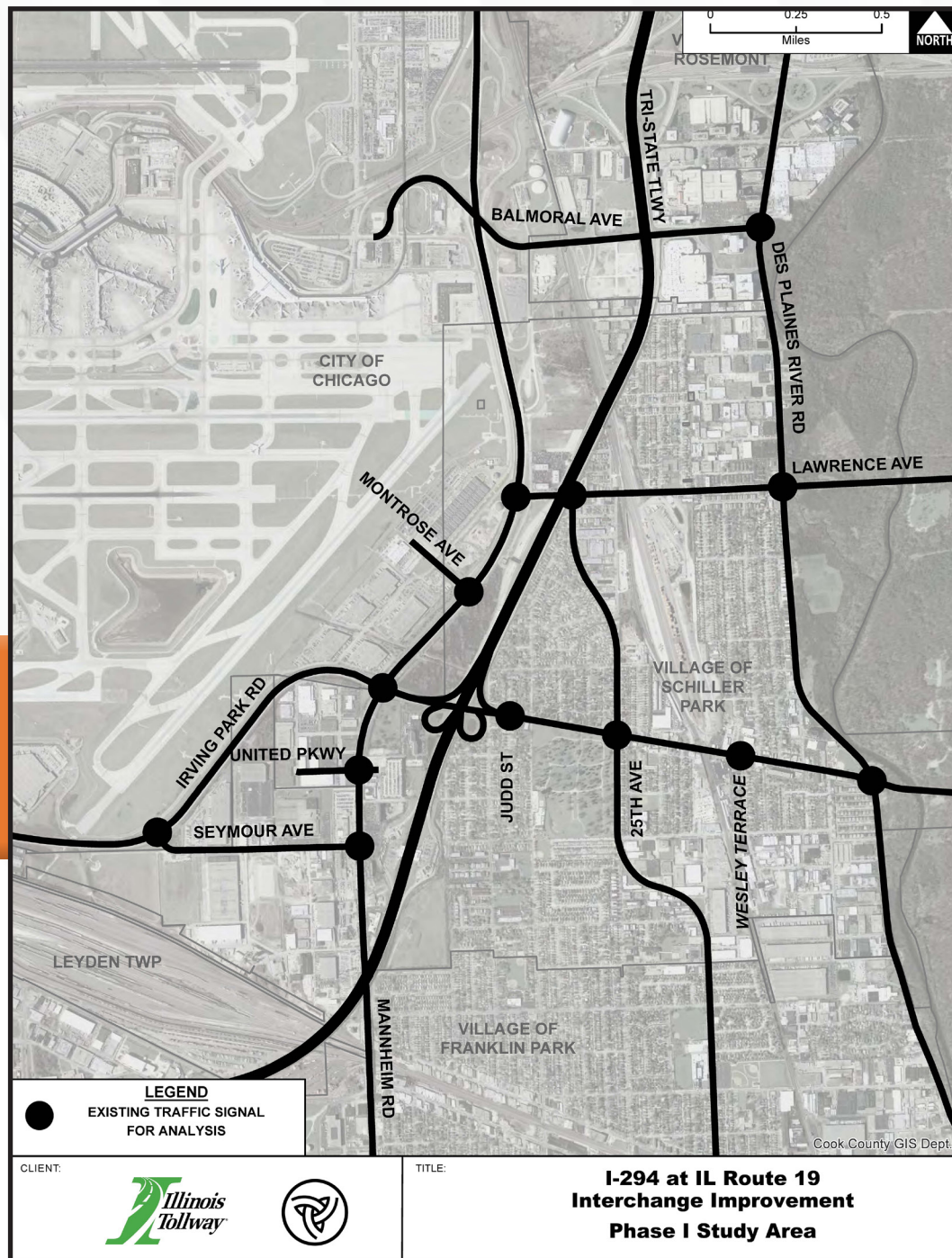
Storm Water Management Projects Completed

Two important storm water management projects that will minimize the risk of water entering homes during extreme rainfall events will be completed by the end of 2024.

Storm sewer improvements, including the separation of the combined storm water and sewage system on Wesley Terrace, Grace Street, Kolze Avenue, and Gremley Terrace are nearing completion. The project will provide storm water relief to these streets and along Seymour Avenue from Wesley Terrace to Gremley Terrace.

A new detention pond on the Village-owned property south of the cemetery has been constructed. The new pond will force stormwater in the area to flow to the Des Plaines River and provide flood relief for the surrounding areas including the intersection of Scott Street and Seymour Avenue and Soreng Avenue and Emerson Drive.

Tree planting and final grass restorations for these projects will take place in October.



Lead Service Line Funding Has Been Secured

The Village Board is pleased to announce that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has provided funding to support replacement of lead service lines in Schiller Park. If your home was constructed prior to 1970, the pipe in your water service line may contain lead. The average cost to replace the pipe is approximately \$6,000 per home, which in the past was paid by the homeowner.

Thanks to IEPA funding, the lead service line will be replaced at NO COST to the homeowner. The replacement program will be conducted in three phases starting with homes south of Irving Park. Residents should watch for a letter from the Village that will include more information about the project and how to participate.



Traffic Light Installation Begins

Work will begin this fall on the installation of a traffic light at Old River Road and Irving Park Road. This multi-step project included moving all utility lines in the vicinity of the intersection to allow installation to begin. When the project has been completed, the new traffic light will enhance public safety and ease congestion in the area. A Federal Surface Transportation Grant is funding this project.

Irving Park Road Viaduct Enhancements

Next time you are traveling on Irving Park Road, take note of the new roadway lighting on the viaducts, west of 25th Avenue. The Village partnered with the Illinois Tollway to improve the safety and overall aesthetics of the Irving Park Road bridge viaduct by installing new lighting.



The O'Hare Tech Center located at 9950 Lawrence Avenue continues to attract new tenants. The facility occupies the site of the former Walley Park, across from O'Hare International Airport. The renovated three-building complex offers customized or turnkey suites and buildings. The facility is home to the O'Hare Tech Center Venue and Conference Center that offers a banquet facility for special events and celebrations.