

LIBRARY CORNER

All events will be held at the Schiller Park Library, located at 4200 Old River Road. For more information about the events listed below or to register, please call (847) 678-0433 or visit schillerparklibrary.org.

COMPUTER CLASS: RESERVE & RENEW BOOKS FROM HOME – FEBRUARY 5

Learn how to search for library materials, place holds on materials and renew the items you checked out - all from the comfort of your home! This class is open to anyone age 18 or older on Wednesday, February 5, from 10:30 am until 11:30 am. Registration is required, and seating is limited.

CHAIR YOGA – FEBRUARY 12

Join Rhonda's Rhythms for a Chair Yoga class designed for adults, age 60 and older and at all levels. This session will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 2 pm and will include breathing, meditation, stretching in the chair, standing poses, and ending with relaxation. This program is made possible by an AgeOptions Library CARES grant. Advanced registration is required.

FAMILY BINGO – FEBRUARY 25

Join the library to play a fun game of BINGO! Win a game and pick a prize. This event is open to all ages and will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 4 pm. Registration is required and the program is limited to 20 participants.

SEED LIBRARY OPENS MARCH 1

Spring is approaching and our Seed Library will soon be open. The library offers a wide selection of vegetables, gourds, herbs, and flower seeds available for free. Visit our website for complete details, including this year's selection of seeds, and resources on how to grow and save seeds.



Mayor's Corner



As Mayor, I have made the health, welfare, and safety of our residents my highest priority. Keeping staff positions for our first responders, including firefighters and police officers, at full capacity is key to fulfilling that commitment.

I am pleased to announce that for the first time since the COVID pandemic, all budgeted police and fire positions should soon be filled.

During the pandemic, it was difficult to find qualified recruits. Following the pandemic, the hiring of both police officers and paramedics became highly competitive. The civil unrest in 2020 resulted in a decline in interest in pursuing a career in public safety, making it difficult to find and train recruits. There were simply not enough qualified applicants and not enough paramedics graduating to fulfill regional needs.

While the Village Board budgeted appropriately for these positions, we were unable to find personnel. Thanks to the hard work and out-of-the-box thinking of our Fire Chief, we found a new testing service. This service utilized a consortium of members providing a larger list and therefore creating a greater selection of potential recruits.

As a result, we are pleased to report that our Police Department is fully staffed, and our Fire Department has recruits on the list who will soon graduate from Paramedic class. All public safety personnel will be qualified, fully trained, and dedicated to working each day to keep our community safe.

Leyden High School Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Our schools and places of worship are the cornerstones of a great, thriving, caring community. Schiller Park is fortunate to be within Leyden School District 212. Leyden High School has graduated countless students who have gone on to be successful within their fields and leaders within their communities.

This year Leyden High School District 212 is celebrating their 100th anniversary. I want to congratulate them on this milestone achievement. We look forward to another century of service for our young people and our community.

Enjoy the winter weather and stay safe.

Mayor Nick Caiafa

Join us on the first Monday of every month at 6 pm, at Schiller Park Post 104, located at 4501 25th Avenue. To learn more, please go to post104.org.

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New Program Allows You to Monitor Your Water Usage



The Village has launched a new service designed to help you reduce your water usage and save money on your water bills. **The My360 Portal allows residents to monitor and analyze their household's water consumption 24/7, on any internet-enabled device.** The easy-to-use portal allows you to set up alerts to notify you whenever your water usage is higher than usual which can indicate you have a leak or other unintended water use. In addition, you can opt to receive out-of-town alerts to give you peace of mind during travel.

Setting up an account is fast, easy, and free from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. To help you get started, the Village has provided a step-by-step tutorial that can be reached via our website at villageofschillerpark.com. For assistance, please call Patrick Hastings or Whitney Morris at (847) 678-2550.

Snow Route Parking Restrictions – Check Signs on Your Street

Snow removal parking restrictions apply after just one (1) inch of snowfall has accumulated. This allows the Village's Public Works crews to remove snow more efficiently and to provide for a quicker return to street parking.



HAVE A HEART DONATE BLOOD ON FEBRUARY 18



If you are able, please donate blood at the next Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 18, from 1 pm until 7 pm at the Schiller Park Community Center, located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.

Donating blood will help keep the nation's blood supply stable and each donation can potentially save up to three lives. The entire process is safe and fast. To schedule a donation, call Vitalant at (877) 258-4825 or visit vitalant.org. Remember to eat a healthy meal, stay hydrated, and to bring a photo ID with you.

Get Moving and Get Healthy at the Recreation Center

Whether you are a gym rat, a team sport enthusiast, or someone looking to start your journey to improving your strength, coordination, and balance, the Recreation Center has something for you! Visit the Recreation Center, located at 9638 Irving Park Road or call (847) 671-8580 to learn more about ways to incorporate exercise into your life or to register for programs.

If you have questions or would like to register for senior programs, contact Mary Maltese at seniorservices@schillerparkil.us or by calling (847) 678-8765.

Baseball/Softball Starting Soon

It might be cold and cloudy today, but baseball and softball season are right around the corner! Registration opens February 1 for children ages 4 through 13. Teams will compete against surrounding communities and be formed based on registration numbers. If you are passionate about sports and want to inspire young athletes, please consider becoming a volunteer coach. Coaches are needed to ensure a successful program.

Gym Memberships – Join NOW

The Schiller Park Recreation Center is offering gym memberships for residents and non-residents. We have a variety of membership levels to suit everyone, including Adults (age 18+), Youth (age 13-17), Seniors (age 55+), and Family memberships.

Members enjoy access to our Fitness Center which was recently updated with new cable machines, free weights, and cardio equipment. You will also enjoy open gym times for pickleball and basketball. We offer daily fees and youth open gym memberships too.

The Recreation Center Offers Programs Designed Especially For Our Senior Community

Residents, age 62 and older, are invited to be a part of our vibrant senior community at the Schiller Park Recreation Center. Join us to explore new hobbies, stay active, and make new friends.

Do you have a creative side? Join us at the Recreation Center for **themed crafting projects and socializing** on Thursdays, February 20, March 13, and April 10 from 10 am until noon. There is a \$5 fee, and you must register at least one week in advance.

Plan to "get your fit on" with Essentrics® Aging Backward and Chair Flow classes with certified instructor Pat Trampas. **Essentrics®** is a low-impact, full-body strength and stretch workout that will help to keep your aging body feeling strong, healthy, and pain-free. The next class will take place on Monday, March 10 and will be held on Mondays through May 5. **Chair Flow** is a seated workout that combines the soothing postures of Chair Yoga with other flowing movements. The next class will take place March 11 and will be held through May 6.

Bingocize® is a fun and interactive program that combines bingo with gentle exercises to keep you moving and entertained. The popular program will return in March.

We are excited to announce two new programs! **Dancing with a Chair** is a gentle and enjoyable way to stay active, and **Koffee Klutch**, provides a social gathering where you can enjoy coffee and conversation. To learn more, please visit our website at villageofschillerpark.com.

