



Schiller Park Village News and Update

April 2020

SCHILLER PARK UPDATES

Mayor's Corner



As I write this, Illinois remains under Governor Pritzker's 'stay at home' order. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our residents, business owners, employees, customers, and our entire community.

I am proud to say that Schiller Park residents have heeded the call to Stay Home and Save Lives. Practicing social distancing is difficult and it is challenging to be away from family, friends and neighbors. The sacrifices we make now are all part of the effort to slow the spread of the virus. It is our responsibility to do

everything we can to keep one another safe.

I recently spoke with U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley regarding ways we can continue to address the needs of our community during this pandemic. I let the Congressman know that many Schiller Park businesses have been drastically impacted, including those that service the travel and airline industry. Congressman Quigley assured me that he continues to work daily for and on behalf of Schiller Park residents and businesses. On page three of this newsletter, you will find a list of resources available for businesses. You can also access this information on our website at www.villageofschillerpark.com.

As always, I encourage you to support our Schiller Park businesses, but especially now as so many are shouldering the burdens created by the pandemic. Many local restaurants remain open for delivery or carry out. Our website has information and a map of our local food options. Please shop for your groceries, snacks and beverages at Schiller Park grocery, convenience, and liquor stores and fill your tank at local gas stations.

The Village Board, administration and staff have taken steps to ease the stress that the Covid-19 pandemic has placed on Schiller Park families. The Village has instituted the following extensions:

- **Village Vehicle Stickers, due to expire June 30, will be recognized until July 31.** Residents will also be able to purchase a new vehicle sticker at the regular price of \$20.00 until July 31.
- **The due date for current water bills will be extended until April 30.** Any resident that has an unusually high-water bill may call the Village to request a checklist of action steps to take.
- **Adjudication dates for March and April have been postponed until May 20.** All cases and tickets, including new cases, have been continued to May 20 and there will be NO additional court costs or fines assessed during this period.

Our first responders deserve our gratitude for diligently and courageously working during these unprecedented times. Please join me in thanking all our local heroes including the healthcare workers, pharmacy and grocery store clerks, restaurant workers, delivery staff, postal workers, and Village employees for everything they do to keep our community going strong.

As this situation evolves, we will provide updates on our Village website and Facebook page. You will find helpful information for following CDC guidelines, more detail on the 'stay at home' order and a list of resources for residents and businesses on the Village website.

In Schiller Park, we take care of each other so please continue to check on elderly or disabled neighbors and friends. Remember to follow social distancing guidelines and continue recommended handwashing protocols.

We are a strong, united community and we will get through this together and come out even stronger. I hope that you, your family and friends are safe during this historic time.

Stay Home, Save Lives,

Nick Caiafa,
Mayor

Schiller Park Needs A Complete Census Count

The amount of federal assistance that Schiller Park receives is dependent upon the information gathered in the Census count. By now, each household has received an invitation to respond to the Census, which is a short questionnaire and may be responded to by telephone, online or by mail. All Schiller Park schools, parks and the library will greatly benefit from a complete and accurate Census count. As of today, 53.9% of the households in Illinois have responded to the Census. Schiller Park falls a bit short, with 51.5% having responded. That means that only 1 of every 2 households has responded so far.

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle has stated that in Cook County, approximately \$1,400.00 in federal funds is attributable to each person. If anyone does not respond, Schiller Park will be under counted and our local health care, schools, roads, housing and employment programs and other programs may not get the funding they deserve. Therefore, everyone must be counted to support the well-being of our residents and families. It is quick and easy to respond to the Census. You can answer the simple Census questions online at www.my2020census.gov. You can also call (844) 330-2020 from 8 am until midnight. Households that do not respond will be sent a paper questionnaire. If you need help with the form, including instructions in Polish and Spanish, please call Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 for assistance.

Garbage Collection, Recycling Pickup and Yard Waste Removal

Garbage collection and recycling will continue to be picked up on Fridays. Groot, the Village's waste hauler has indicated that due to the health crisis, the following rules need to be followed:

- Loose garbage cannot be removed. Garbage must be placed in its cart, another can with handles, or bagged.
- Pickup of bulk or oversized items including construction debris has been suspended until further notice.
- If anyone in your home has tested positive with the coronavirus, DO NOT place any items from your household in the recycle bin and instead put items in the garbage.

Yard Waste pickup has begun and will take place every Friday. Residents should use cans marked with free "Yard Waste Only" stickers obtained at Village Hall or biodegradable paper bags. The Village's Public Works Department has started branch pickup. Please place reasonably sized branches where you put your garbage for removal. If you have questions regarding garbage removal, recycling, or yard waste issues, please call the Village at (847) 678-2550.



Street Sweeping

The Village has initiated street sweeping throughout town. Street sweeping takes place on the second and fourth Monday each month on the sides of the street with even numbered addresses, and on the second and fourth Tuesday each month on the sides of the street with odd numbered addresses. Street sweeping is scheduled for April through November. Please note however that in the months of July and August, the streets are swept only once, which will occur on the second Monday and second Tuesday.

To ensure a thorough sweeping, vehicles cannot be parked on the designated streets. Signs are posted on each block indicating where parking is prohibited in accordance with the street sweeping schedule. Please check the signs because failure to obey may result in a parking citation

Parks and Recreation Update



The Village is adhering to State guidelines and recommendations for rescheduling public events and gatherings in order to prioritize the health and safety of our residents. As a result, the Village's annual Wall of Honor ceremony scheduled for May 16 has been postponed until it has been determined that group gatherings and events are safe for the public.

In addition, the annual National Night Out event scheduled for August 4 has also been canceled. Please watch the Village website for updates regarding events including Music in the Park concerts and other services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Village is in the process of issuing refunds for Recreation Department programs fees and rental deposits collected for the months of March and April. Refund checks will be mailed to participants currently registered in these programs. Fitness memberships have been placed on hold and memberships will be extended by the same length of the closure of the Recreation Center. For more information call (847) 671-8580 or email Director John Bealer at jbealer@schillerparkil.us.

The Recreation Center, Activity Center, and Community Center remain closed. All playgrounds are also closed until further notice. All leagues, programs, and similar activities are canceled.

Leyden Family Services Offers Telephone Appointments for Seniors

The Seniors and Benefits Department at Leyden Family Services wants you to know that they are still available to assist you by telephone! The staff can assist you in applying for Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and other governmental programs. They can also provide prescription assistance and benefit access for other items such as license plate discounts and transportation passes. Over the phone appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Call (847) 455-3929 to make an appointment.

Beware of Fraudulent Scams

The Police Department is warning residents about a scam to solicit for donations to support the Schiller Park Firefighters Association. These calls are fraudulent and neither the Firefighters Association nor the Police Association are soliciting.

Economic Assistance Available to Workers and Small Businesses

There are a number of provisions to assist small businesses included in the federal CARES Act, such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) which provides for loan advances, debt relief for some non-disaster SBA loans, additional funding for resource partners, including Small Business Development Centers and Women's Business Centers, as well as tax provisions such as employee retention credit, and the delay in payroll taxes. Many of these programs and resources are still in the process of being rolled out, as this is an evolving process. Please visit quigley.house.gov for links to these programs and additional resources that may be helpful. Please check the site regularly as information is being updated. If you have any questions, call Congressman Quigley's office at (773) 267-5926.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is the primary contact for businesses with inquiries related to COVID-19. Please contact DCEO regarding Essential Business inquiries and small business assistance. DCEO can be reached at (800) 252-2923 or go to www2.illinois.gov/dceo/SmallBizAssistance.

In addition, the Village's website contains helpful information and links to many other programs and loans for small businesses from the State of Illinois, Cook County and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Filing for Unemployment Benefits

Whether you have been furloughed, laid off, or are experiencing a reduction in your normal work hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may qualify for unemployment benefits. Please be aware that part-time workers, the self-employed, and independent contractors may also qualify for unemployment benefits. You can file an unemployment claim online using the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) website at www2.illinois.gov/ides. If you have questions, call the IDES Customer Service Center at (800) 244-5631 or (866) 488-4016 TTY.

Building Permits Needed for Springtime Home Improvements & Repairs!

The Building Department is closed to walk-in traffic, but the staff is still working and managing all department functions and operations, during the hours of 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. During the 'stay at home' order, interior inspections have been suspended, however, please call the Village's Building Inspector at (847) 671-8555 for directions on how we can inspect the work remotely.

Building Permits are still required and are being accepted online and through the U.S. mail. For an added convenience, we have installed a drop box located outside the Community Development Department at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. Permit deadlines have been extended by 90 days.



For more information or directions on how to apply for a building permit, please call the Building Department at (847) 671-8555.

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Be a Good Neighbor – Clean up After Your Dog

When walking your dog, please carry disposable plastic bags to pick up after your best friend and bring extra bags just in case!



A big Schiller Park “Thank You” to Tanya Lawrence and the Mendez Family-owned McDonald’s located at 9449 W Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park, for their generous donation of cookies for our “Virtual Egg Hunt” and McDonald’s “Be Our Guest” combo meal coupons to all of our Schiller Park First Responders!

Strength & Perseverance in Schiller Park
 Residents are encouraged to share their “positivity posts!” How are you and your family staying inspired during these challenging times? Residents are encouraged to submit photos of sidewalk chalk art, decorated doors, and other creative ways they are spreading joy around town. Please see the Village Facebook page for details and to submit photos.

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