

**Permits Are Usually Required for the Following:**

- New buildings
- Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, sheds, pools, patios, driveways, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, basements, kitchens, reroofing, etc.)
- Electrical systems and electrical work
- Plumbing systems and plumbing work
- HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning) systems.



If you are considering a construction project or a building renovation, you should contact the Community Development Department to determine if you need a permit.

Homes and businesses are not only your personal assets, but they are also investments in our community. If construction projects do not comply with the codes adopted by the Village Board, the value of those investments could be reduced.

**What if Work is Performed WITHOUT a Permit?**

It is important to know that property insurers may not cover work performed without a permit and inspections. For example, an addition or re-modeled bathroom may not be covered by insurance in the event of a fire and an inability to produce records showing that the construction work was performed in compliance with permits and inspections.

Also, owners of homes, businesses or other buildings that have modifications done without the issuance of a permit or inspection being performed may be required to tear down an addition, leave the building unoccupied, or make costly repairs before it can be sold.

**Benefits of a Permit and Inspections.**

Building Permits and inspections allow the Village’s trained code officials to protect the public’s health and welfare by reducing potential hazards resulting from unsafe construction. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and future owners.

Additionally, a property owner who can show that the code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by a code official’s carefully maintained records, has a strong ally in the event a potentially destructive lawsuit is initiated. For example, if a contractor’s work does not meet code standards, and a dispute ensues over payment, the property owner may want to use permits and inspection reports to assist in their defense.

For more information or to start the permit process, call the Community Development Department at 847-671-8555, or stop by our office at 4501 25th Avenue.

**Congratulations to the graduates from the Class of 2020!**



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**Mayor’s Corner**



I want to thank everyone in Schiller Park for their cooperation, patience, and compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud of how our community has responded to this difficult situation. You provided a helping hand to those in need and adhered to the social distancing guidelines as required. While it has been challenging to say the least, I believe that we will come through this stronger together.

Though our Village Hall is re-opening to walk-in traffic, we encourage you to continue to contact us by telephone and e-mail with questions, and to use our drop box in the parking lot and the U.S. mail when possible. Our emergency operations are fully staffed through our Police and Fire Departments. Building permits are being issued and required for most renovation and expansion projects. You can read more about this on Page 3.

Throughout the Village you can see our staff completing important and vital infrastructure projects. Updating our infrastructure, improving our streets, maintaining sewers and water mains, and renovating our parks are key to our Village’s long-term stability. Well maintained and reliable infrastructure makes Schiller Park more attractive to new businesses, stabilizes our property values and ensures continued public safety.

These critical infrastructure improvements are made possible through grants from the State of Illinois and Cook County, the Airport Parking Tax, the State’s Motor Fuel Tax and the Video Gaming Fund. They are NOT funded by property taxes. Details on these improvement projects, which will greatly benefit our community, are featured in this newsletter.

**EVERYONE COUNTS**

Federal funds and grants that are used to repair and renovate our infrastructure are based on Census data. An accurate and complete count means Schiller Park will receive our fair share of funding and will be able to support critical projects.

If you have not already done so, go to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or call

(847) 330-2020 to respond to the short questionnaire. Responding is easy, quick, and secure. Please contact Village Hall if you have any questions or require help in completing the Census count. If you or someone you know requires help in Polish or Spanish to complete the Census, please call Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

**HOME (TOWN) COOKING**

While they are not fully open to the public, many of our local Schiller Park restaurants are still preparing delicious meals for delivery, carry-out and outdoor dining. This month, we are featuring some of our favorite food establishments on our Village Facebook page by highlighting their menu selections and special promotions. Some restaurants and bars will be setting up to serve patrons outdoors this summer. Visit our website at [villageofschillerpark.com](http://villageofschillerpark.com) for a list of local food establishments that offer pick-up, delivery, and outdoor service. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Village of Schiller Park as we continue to feature local restaurants and eateries. Most importantly, let’s do our best to support our local businesses now so that they can stay strong until they are allowed to fully reopen their doors when the restrictions are lifted. I look forward to the day we can meet up with friends and family and dine at our favorite restaurants.

Stay healthy,

**Mayor Nick Caiafa**



As part of the guidelines provided by the Governor, individuals are now required to wear a face covering (a surgical mask or homemade cloth face covering) when in public and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. Face coverings are also required in public indoor spaces such as stores, offices and other buildings. Pictured are Mayor Nick Caiafa, Clerk Rosa Jos, Fire Battalion Chief Mike Cesaretti and Firefighter Marcello Leao.

## Safety Measures Being Added to Village Hall

Visitors to Village Hall will find quite a few changes when it reopens to the public. The Village is making modifications to better protect the health and safety of our employees and visitors. We will be following the guidelines and protocols set forth by the CDC to enforce social distancing by clearly designating areas that are six feet apart. The number of people who are inside Village Hall at any one time will be limited, so you may need to wait outside. The outside waiting area will also be marked off in compliance with social distancing. All Village staff and visitors will be required to wear face coverings too.

To further protect our visitors and staff, the Village is installing glass barriers at the front desk. Hand sanitizer will be available at the counter.

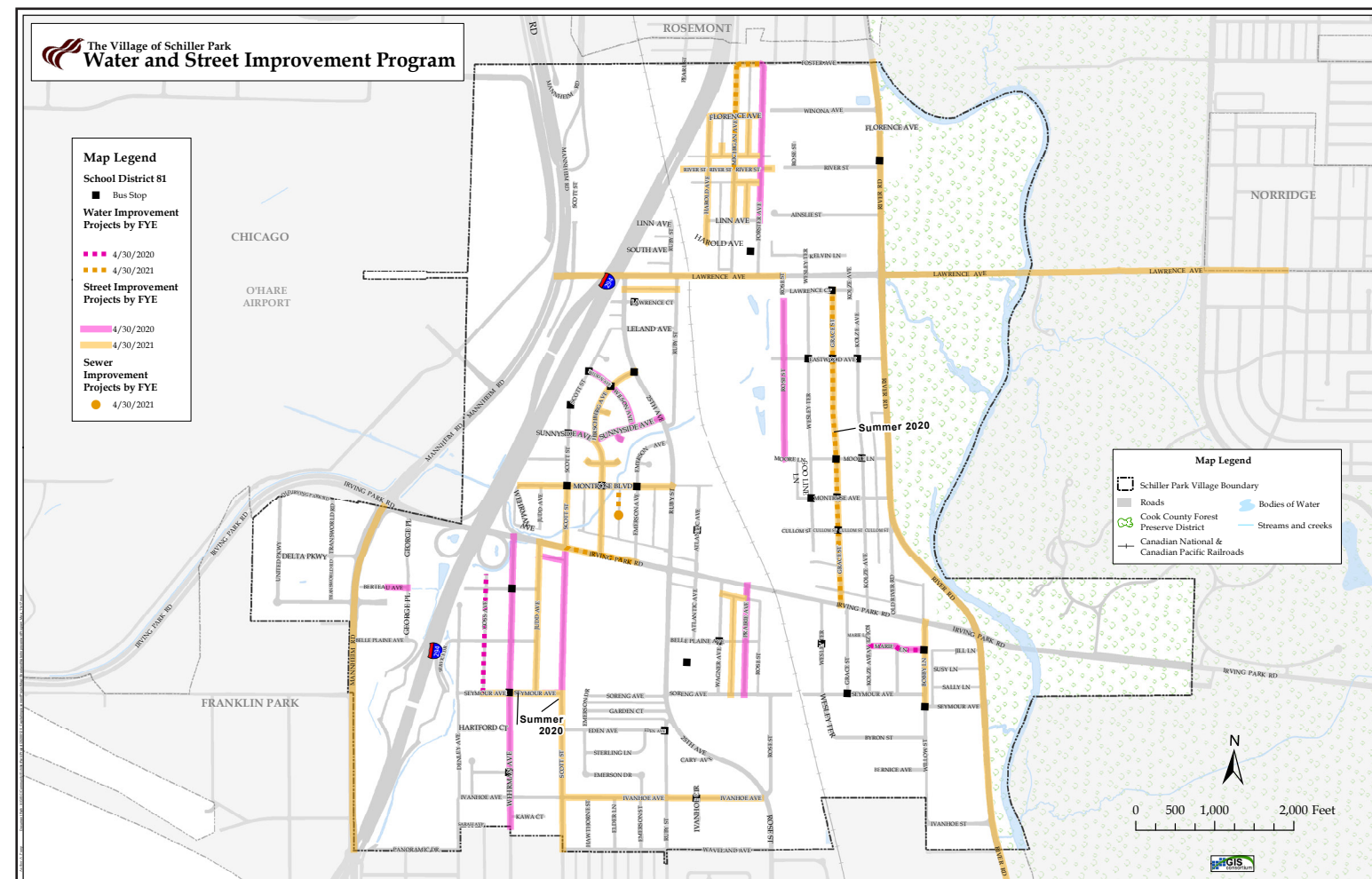
Please continue to use our online services and the outside payment drop box if possible and watch our website to see when Village Hall will reopen to the public.



**Mayor Nick Caiafa was challenged by Bensenville Mayor Frank DeSimone to feed Schiller Park's essential workers including police officers, firefighters and public works staff to thank them for their hard work and commitment during the health crisis.**

## Potential Changes to the Village's Trash Contract

With the expiration of the Village's current solid waste removal contract coming up, the Board has been taking bids from companies to determine who will provide the best service to residents at the best price. The Village Board felt it is more convenient for our residents to change to an earlier day of the week for trash and recycling pick-up. You will be receiving new carts soon that will be emptied every Monday starting July 6.



## Water, Sewer and Street Improvement Projects for 2020

The Village Board has prioritized several infrastructure and street improvement projects for design, implementation, and completion during 2019 and 2020 which were identified in the Village's Capital Improvement Plan. The Village Board, Community Development and Public Works staff and engineers endeavor to make each project effective, efficient, and economical for our town. The following is a summary of projects scheduled for this year:

**Sewer Preventative Maintenance Program** – The Village is taking a proactive approach to maintaining our investment in critical infrastructure by undertaking a comprehensive maintenance program to clean and televise all the sanitary and combined sewers throughout town. This preventative maintenance project utilizes advanced imaging technology to ensure that obstructions are removed from the sewers which results in improved flow and better drainage. Sewer video footage is then reviewed to identify any sewers needing rehabilitation so that a sewer restoration project can be designed and constructed. This same program will also be completed for all the storm sewers in the Village.

**Water Main Upgrades** – Like all towns, Schiller Park's underground infrastructure is old and in need of rehabilitation. The Village is continuously working to maintain and improve this infrastructure including the replacement of existing water mains needed to provide safe, reliable water service to the community.

- Existing water mains along Mannheim Road will be renovated utilizing a cost-effective technique that installs a new water main pipe inside the existing pipe to restore the pipe's capacity, improve water quality, and repair structural functionality.
- Water main replacement will occur on segments of Grace Street from Irving Park Road to Lawrence Court, on Michigan Avenue from Linn Street to Foster Avenue.
- The Village has entered a 15-year maintenance contract to upgrade the water tower. This contract includes painting and coating the tower on the inside and outside.

**Storm Water Management** – During periods of intense rainfall, the viaducts at Lawrence Avenue and Irving Park Road often flood because the viaduct drainage system is overwhelmed. Flooded viaducts can trap cars and people, block emergency responders and limit access to homes and businesses. The Village has begun technologically advanced drainage improvements to help reduce street flooding at the Irving Park viaduct and has met with IDOT and Canadian Pacific railroad to upgrade the Lawrence Avenue drainage. The first phase for the Irving Park effort was initiated in April to replace outdated pumping equipment with a state-of-the-art computerized pumping system.

**Street Improvements** - Well maintained roads provide safe passageway for motorists, impact our property values, and help to attract business investment to our community.

- The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is scheduled to begin the work that was discussed in our February newsletter, including widening Irving Park Road and resurfacing Lawrence Avenue and River Road.
- The Village will pave the following streets this year:
  - Ivanhoe Avenue from Scott Street to Rose Street
  - Seymour Avenue from Wehrman Avenue to Scott Street
  - Judd Avenue from Seymour Avenue to Irving Park Road
  - Scott Street from Waveland Avenue to Seymour Avenue
  - Montrose Boulevard from Wehrman Avenue to Ruby Street
  - Hirschberg Avenue from Irving Park Road to 25th Avenue
  - Agatite Court– the east and west side of Hirschberg Avenue
  - Hirschberg Court
  - Bobby Lane from Seymour Avenue to Irving Park Road
  - Grace Street from Irving Park Road to Lawrence Court
- The Village is replacing the following concrete alleys this year:
  - The T alley bound by River Street, Michigan Avenue, Florence Avenue, Forster Avenue
  - The T alley bound by Linn Avenue, Michigan Avenue, River Street, and Forster Avenue
  - The T Alley bound by Soreng Avenue, Wagner Avenue, Irving Park Road, and Prairie Avenue
  - The alley bound by Lawrence Court, 25th Avenue, Lawrence Avenue, and Ruby Street

If you have questions or concerns about the street resurfacing or infrastructure improvement projects, please contact Brian Bursiek, Assistant Village Manager, at (847) 671- 8534 or at [bbursiek@schillerparkil.us](mailto:bbursiek@schillerparkil.us).

## Why Building Permits Are Required

Building permits are necessary because they are an integral part of the “checks and balances” that make construction projects safe and secure. Building permits are also beneficial because they can assist in increasing the investment value of a construction project, protect against injuries and guard against lawsuits. By working with the Village's expert code officials, you will benefit from their knowledge to ensure your construction project is built in compliance with safety measures and with longevity and resilience as its goals.

### What is a Building Permit?

A building permit grants legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

### When is a Permit Needed?

Before you begin construction or a building project, you should contact the Village's Community Development Department at (847) 671-8555 to discuss your plans with the Permit Coordinator and to determine if a permit is needed. Even if a permit is not needed, staff may answer construction questions and provide valuable advice.

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