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Judge, Schererville Town Court

Early voting for the 2023 General Election available now at Town Hall

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Early voting for the 2023 General Election begins Wednesday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at Schererville Town Hall, 10 East Joliet St., and will continue through Monday, November 6.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in October. Voters can cast their ballots from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays in October, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28.

During the first week of November, the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday. On Monday, the day before the General Election, early voting will be available from 9 a.m. until noon.

According to public law, Indiana residents are required to present a government-issued ID before casting their ballots. That ID needs to meet certain criteria:

- Must display your photo
- Must include your name as it conforms to your voter registration record



- Must display an expiration date
- Must be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government.

In most cases, an Indiana driver's license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or U.S. Passport is sufficient. A student ID from an Indiana State school may only be used if it meets all four criteria specified above.

Additional information can be found on the Lake County, Indiana Website <https://lakecounty.in.gov>.



Schererville firefighter officially sworn in, other firefighters honored

On October 5, Jason Noto was officially sworn in as a full-time Schererville firefighter/EMT during the Board of Safety meeting.

Noto, 22, was originally hired by the Schererville Fire Department as a part-time firefighter in November 2022 and then hired as a full-time firefighter/EMT on August 20, said Fire Chief Robert Patterson. Prior to being hired by the Schererville Fire Department, Noto was a volunteer firefighter with the Highland Fire Department. He will enroll in paramedic school in January 2024.

"During that meeting, we also honored other Schererville firefighters for their actions during a residential fire in February," Chief Patterson said.

"Captain Valentino Trevino and Firefighter/EMT Nicholas Minkema received the Courage Award for their efforts in rescuing a victim from that house fire," he said. "Battalion Chief Jon Gettemans, Firefighter/Paramedic Dominic Zuccarelli, Firefighter/EMT Aaron Anderson and Firefighter/EMT Dylon Vick each received a Unit Citation for their assistance with patient care and assisting in the rescuing efforts of the patient."

On February 11, the Schererville Fire Department received a call for a structure fire with the caller still inside the residence. Battalion Chief Gettemans, Captain Trevino and Firefighter/EMT Minkema pulled a hose line and entered the residence under heavy smoke conditions, Chief Patterson said, adding "They provided fire extinguishment while simultaneously conducting a search for the victim. Firefighter Minkema located the victim and Captain Trevino assisted with rescuing the victim from the house while Battalion Chief Gettemans continued extinguishing the fire."

At the November 2 Board of Safety Meeting, the Schererville Fire Department will recognize seven firefighters for their years of service with the department, Chief Patterson said. Those firefighters to be honored include the following:

Firefighter/Paramedic Robert Wahlman II	5 years of service
Captain Joseph Konicek	15 years of service
Firefighter/EMT Aaron Anderson	25 years of service
Firefighter/EMT Joseph Rhoades	10 years of service
Firefighter/EMT Marc Radovich	10 years of service
Firefighter/Paramedic Jeffrey Marsack	10 years of service
Firefighter/EMT Jon Gill	10 years of service

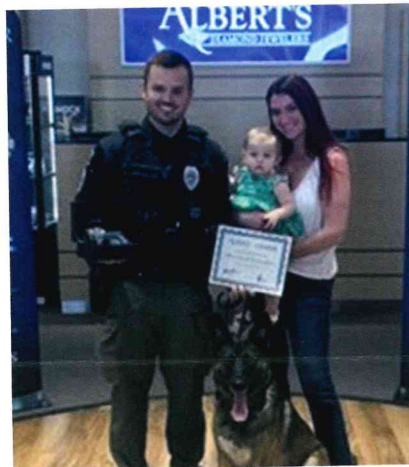
Schererville Police Officer honored with Hometown Heroes Award

On August 29, Schererville Police Officer Jacob Bermingham received the Hometown Heroes Award presented by Albert's Diamond Jewelers.

A tradition for nearly 40 years, Albert's Jewelers has been presenting the Hometown Heroes Award recognizing local police officers, firefighters and EMT's from throughout Northwest Indiana for going above and beyond to protect the community.

Nominated for the award by the Schererville Police Department, Officer Bermingham, 28, celebrated one year with the Police Department in June. He previously served with the Lake Station Police Department for five years.

Officer Bermingham is currently assigned to the Schererville Police Department's BRAVO Power Shift Unit, which "allocates more proactive manpower during the higher call volume hours," said Patrol Commander Michael Bork in his letter of recommendation nominating Officer Bermingham.



Schererville Police Officer Jacob Bermingham is pictured with his fiancée Hayley Hero, their daughter Olivia Bermingham and his K9 Dado at the Hometown Heroes Award ceremony at Albert's Diamond Jewelers.

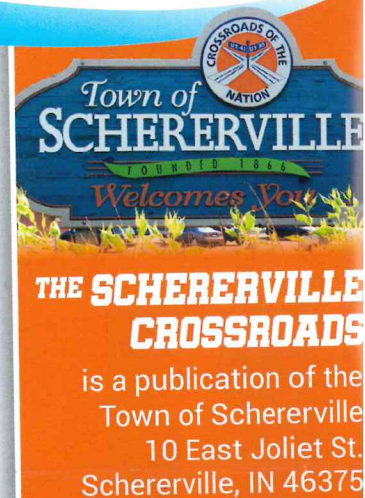
In addition, Officer Bermingham is a K9 Handler with his K9 partner Dado. He dedicates at least two shifts a month to K9 training. A part of the Northwest Regional SWAT Team, Officer Bermingham also dedicates at least one shift a month to SWAT training, Patrol Commander Bork said.

"Officer Bermingham emulates a team player attitude and embodies what it should mean to be a young officer," Patrol Commander Bork said. "He is heavily involved and readily available with high character and a strong work ethic. He also devotes his time and efforts in

training fellow Officers in K9 handling."

Schererville Police Chief Peter Sormaz also praised Officer Bermingham.

"He has demonstrated great diligence and persistence as well as a knack for learning new things in a short time with us," Chief Sormaz said. "We thank Officer Bermingham for his contributions to the Police Department and community, and thank him for choosing to serve the Town of Schererville."



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ADULT SKULL POTTERY PAINTING CLASS (AGES 18 & OLDER)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 6-8 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

It may be Friday the 13th, but you'll be LUCKY when you come to this class! It's time to SCREAM for SCREAM!

Join us for this adult pottery class where we will paint this creepy skull while enjoying the cult classic *Scream*. Pottery is provided by Gratefully Painted. Spooky refreshments will also be served.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

PUMPKIN POTTERY PAINTING CLASS (AGES 5 & OLDER)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 6-8 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Prepare to paint your own pumpkin! Paint this food-safe pumpkin pottery piece as we enjoy watching *Hocus Pocus 2*!! Pottery is provided by Gratefully Painted. Spooky refreshment will also be served.

This class is for children ages 5 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

PAINTING PARTIES (FOR ALL AGES)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Painting parties for all ages are coming this fall and winter. Join these painting classes led by Chris Hnatusko:

- This is Halloween – Saturday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Harry Potter – Saturday, October 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Princess Poppy – Monday, November 6 from 6-8 p.m.
- Snoopy (Choose between Day or Night Scene) – Monday, December 4 from 6-8 p.m.

All ages are welcome and all supplies will be provided.

The fee is \$30 for residents/+20% for non-residents.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

BALLOON TWISTING POKÉMON & SUPER MARIO EDITION (FOR AGES 7 & OLDER)

POKÉMON DATE – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 5-6 P.M.
SUPER MARIO DATE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 5-6 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Have you ever received a balloon creation from the fair and thought "Wow! I wish I could do that!" Now's your chance!

Join us as Stephanie from Balloontacular teaches how to make a Pokémon-themed headband and sword and a Super Mario character.

Participants will be able to choose between Pikachu, Squirtle, or Charmander design and Super Mario characters.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

MONDAY YOGA/TUESDAY YOGA (AGES 10 & OLDER)

MONDAY SESSION 5: OCTOBER 9 – NOVEMBER 20 6-7 P.M.
TUESDAY SESSION 5: OCTOBER 10-NOVEMBER 21 6-7 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Relax right into yoga where instructor, Lynn, will guide you through Yoga Poses. Please bring a yoga mat.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

YOGA FOR KIDS (AGE 4-8)

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 9-NOVEMBER 20 4:45-5:45 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Breathe in. Breathe out. Our yoga instructor, Lynn, provides a relaxing space for kids to enjoy activities, games, songs, and crafts all based around yoga. They will learn beginner yoga poses and breathing techniques too! Please bring a yoga mat.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

TANG SOO DO KARATE SESSIONS #6

FOR AGES 4-10
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 17-DECEMBER 5
5:30-6:15 P.M. AGES 4-6
6:30-7:15 P.M. AGES 7-10

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our children martial arts programs are high-energy, fun and interactive. Our classes focus on character development, physical fitness, and self-defense – with the primary goal of building a child's discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem. Our instructors, under the direction of 4th degree black belt master instructor Adam Theros, will teach curriculum that is fun, challenging, and aligns with Northwest Indiana Martial Arts Academy and the World Tang Soo Do Association. **NEW STUDENT UNIFORM IS INCLUDED!!**

Champion Squires, age 4-6, will attend classes from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Junior Knights, ages 7-10, will take lessons from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The fee is \$79 for residents/+20% for non-residents.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

LITTLE TYKES (FOR AGES 3 YEARS 6 MONTHS TO 5)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 17-NOVEMBER 30 9-11:30 A.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER





Welcome to an exciting new program year of Little Tykes! This class is all about learning in a creative environment, exploring letters, numbers, shapes, story time, crafts, games, songs, & more! The children will also enjoy some field trips as part of Little Tykes that include the pumpkin patch and Safety Village. Your child MUST be FULLY potty trained and ready to leave parents.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS (FOR AGES 6-12)

MONDAYS, OCTOBER 23 – DECEMBER 4 5:30-6:30 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Do your kids have a knack for drawing, or do they want to improve their skills? Young Rembrandts may be just the thing for them! Young Rembrandts' elementary drawing teaches children to break complex objects into foundational shapes. As they learn how to deconstruct and reconstruct images, the experience, repetition and variety of engaging and relevant subject matter brings them to increased levels of mastery in drawing - and in life.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

BRICKS FOR KIDZ (FOR AGE 6-12)

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 24-DECEMBER 5 5:30-6:30 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Love Legos? Then you will LOVE Bricks for Kidz! The BRICKS 4 KIDZ one-hour classes explore architecture, engineering and technology concepts using LEGO® Bricks. Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings, and other gadgets. They will develop problem solving and critical thinking skills, all while exploring new concepts related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Students will get to build everything from the "Air, Land and Sea," to amusement park attractions in our "Ticket to Ride" constructions. These and so many other fun and educational themes are part of our FUN while learning program! We learn, we build, and we play with LEGO® Bricks.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

HALLOWEEN KIDS NIGHT OUT (FOR AGES 5-12)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 5:30 -10 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Parents, want some alone time? We got the kids, and parents you have the night off!!!

Your kids can enjoy an evening that includes dinner, crafts, activities and more! Have your child bring a pillow and blanket.

The fee is \$25 for residents/+20% for non-residents. There's a maximum limit of 20 participants.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

A HOLLY JOLLY HIP HOP DANCE CLASS (FOR AGE 7-10)

SESSION 1 – THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 5-DECEMBER 14 5-6:30 P.M.
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Cue the spot light, prepare the tape...and ACTION! Grab your little star and sign them up for this new exciting class. A Holly Jolly Hip Hop Dance Class will introduce your future star to all the basics of dance, team work, rhythm and more! At the end of the series your star will participate in a mini recital.

Register @ www.schererville.org.

KIDS CAN COOK HOCUS POCUS TREATS

FOR AGES 4-7

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 5- 6:30 P.M.

FOR AGES 8-12

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 5-6:30 P.M.

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Trick or treat, smell my feet, make us something good to EAT!!

It's the season for Halloween and tasty treats. Join Schererville Parks as we make Hocus Pocus themed foods in this Halloween Cooking Class. This is a kid's only class. We ask parents to be patient and let them experience the art of cooking and bake you some awesome treats!

Register @ www.schererville.org.

KIDS CAN COOK: LITTLE TURKEYS

FOR AGES 4-7

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 5- 6:30 P.M.

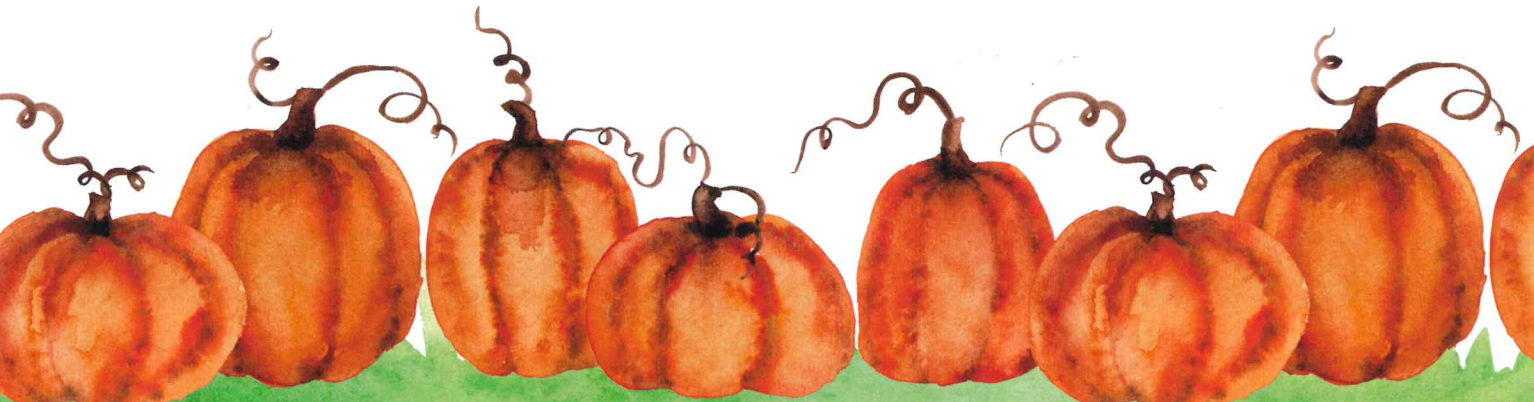
FOR AGES 8-12

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 5-6:30 P.M.

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Nom, Nom, Nom! Who's ready for the Thanksgiving feast? Have your little turkey join Schererville Parks for our Thanksgiving edition of Kids Can Cook. Each participant will get to make their own Thanksgiving recipe that comes to life in this festive class.

Register @ www.schererville.org.



DAV Walk in Schererville draws people of all ages



People of all ages came out Saturday, August 26 to participate in the 2nd Annual St. John Township Walk for Disabled American Veterans co-hosted by the Town of Schererville, Hammond-based DAV Chapter #17 and St. John Township Trustee Cathy Lareau.

"It was wonderful event with a great turnout. We had 125 people registered," Lareau said about the DAV Walk that began with opening ceremonies at the St. John Township Veterans Memorial located in front of the Schererville Police Department then proceeded to the nearby 9/11 Memorial where the walk stepped off.

"U.S. Military veterans who suffered disabilities while actively serving our country are honored during this event," Lareau said. "This walk helped raise funds and awareness of the benefits available to these well-deserving vets."

In addition, Commander Steve Bramer of Hammond-based DAV Glenn F. Renicker, Chapter #17 thanked those who participated. "We'd also like to express our sincerest thanks to Mission BBQ for serving all walkers a delicious lunch;

Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard; Indiana Fallen Heroes Display Post 9/11; the Tri-Town Safety Village Veterans Museum and Vietnam veteran Tom Bainbridge for singing the National Anthem," he said.

Bramer added, "The Walk is YOUR way to assist Disabled American Veterans. DAV Chapter #17 is 100% men and women from your community that served in the U.S. Armed Services and because of their service have a continuing service-connected disability."

Bramer, Lareau and DAV State Commander Bob Carnagey attended the September 13 meeting of the Schererville



Town Council to thank town officials for "their extraordinary help in coordinating and co-hosting the DAV Walk," Lareau said. Bramer presented the Town with an award from DAV Chapter #17 at that meeting.

In addition to Carnagey, Bramer and Lareau the team who coordinated the DAV Walk included Town Manager Jim Gorman, Director of Operations Andrew Hansen and Police Chief Peter Sormaz.

Next year's 3rd Annual St. John Township DAV Walk is already being planned, Lareau said.



"Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 24, 2024," she said. "Our goal is going to be to attract families. We will be discussing how to plan and work towards that goal in the future."

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AMERICA'S VETERANS



What's Happening in Town



OCTOBER 2023

- 11 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 13 Freaky Friday Food Truck Fest, Rohrman Park, 4-8 p.m.
- 16 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2023

- 1 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 2 Board of Safety Study Session, 6 p.m.; Board of Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Plan Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
- 7 Election Day – Town Hall closed
- 8 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday – Town Hall closed
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 2023

- 4 Plan Commission Study Session/Plan Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 7 Board of Safety Study Session, 6 p.m.; Board of Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25-26 Christmas Holiday – Town Hall closed
- 29 New Year's Eve Holiday – Town Hall closed

JANUARY 2024

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday – Town Hall closed
- 3 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session, 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.

Leaf pickup begins week of October 2



Autumn brings falling leaves, and this year the Public Works Department will begin leaf pickup on the south side of U.S. 30 the week of October 3. Leaf pickup begins on the north side of U.S. 30 the week of October 9. Branch pickup also continues through December with both pickups dependent upon weather.

No pickups are scheduled on holidays, including Election Day, Tuesday, November 7; Veteran's Day, Friday, November 10; Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24; Christmas, Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26; and New Year's Eve, Friday, December 29.

Leaf pickup alternates between the south and north sides of U.S. 30 on a weekly basis. The week of Thanksgiving – Monday, November 20 through Wednesday, November 22 – is when crews collect leaves on town properties, including the parks, the water towers, etc, said Chad Nondorf, Public Works Director. "We also use this week to catch up as typically this is when accumulation is the heaviest," Nondorf said.

After the week of Thanksgiving, the regular schedule resumes north of U.S. 30. Leaf and branch pickups continue into December until weather forecasts indicate the Public Works trucks must be readied for snow removal and icy conditions. You can find a printable calendar online at www.Schererville.org. Click on the Documents section.

To ensure your leaves are picked up, please place them in a narrow pile (away from the branches) in the parkway or grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your designated week. Please avoid parking any vehicles in front of the leaf piles.

To avoid an ordinance violation and to prevent flooding caused by blockage of storm drains, please don't put leaves in the street. If there is no curb, please place leaves within 5 feet of the street so that Public Works equipment can reach them. And always make certain the leaves are free of other debris.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.