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Branch & leaf collections begin in April



Branch and leaf collections in Schererville begin on Monday, April 7. Branch pickups continue through December, weather permitting. Spring leaf collection this year will go through Friday, May 16.

Each week, the route alternates from north to south with U.S. 30 being the dividing line. This year, collections begin south of U.S. 30. Collections on the north of U.S. 30 begin the week of April 14. There is no pickup on the following holidays -- Good Friday, April 18; Memorial Day, Monday, May 26; and Independence Day, Friday, July 4.

On Friday of each week, the Public Works Department concentrates on the streets that require flaggers. These are the main streets where traffic counts and speed limits require extra personnel to assure the safety of the work crews. Residents who live on a flagger street should call the office at (219)

322-6688 when they have placed a pile of branches or leaves along the roadway for pick-up. This helps assure that you do not get missed in a given week.

Flagger streets are as follows: Main Street: Burr Street; Kennedy Avenue (from Junction to Main); Junction Avenue (from Kennedy to Joliet); Joliet Street (east of Austin Avenue); Cline Avenue; St. John Road; U.S. 30; U.S. 41; 77th Avenue and Austin Avenue (south of U.S. 30).

Branches left curbside for pick-up are to be no larger than 6" in diameter. These are the limits of the department's chipping

machines. Branches are to be placed in unidirectional piles in the parkway (grassy area) between the sidewalk and street. Branch piles placed in the street can create a hazard and you could be cited for creating a hazard in the street.

To be assured you get picked-up, have your branches and/or leaves in front of your residence by 7:00 AM on Monday morning of your designated week. The Public Works Department will go through each neighborhood only once during a given week.

Branches and leaves are to be placed in the parkway between the sidewalk and street within 5 feet of the street. The department's machines must be able to reach the items or crews will not pick them up. If you do not have a parkway, place them behind the sidewalk or alongside the roadway.

Please do not place leaves and branches in the street. This causes flooding in the streets when they wash down and plug up storm water inlets.

Leaves and branches must be placed in separate piles or they will not be picked up. Two different types of machines are used. Branches plug up the leaf vacuums and leaf piles plug up and dull the branch chipper blades.

For more information, log on to https://www.schererville.org/egov/apps/document /center.egov



Help promote good storm water quality, prevent harmful discharges



Schererville is an MS4 (Muncipal Separate Storm Sewer System) community, which means our town has a system including pipes, ditches and swales that collect and carry stormwater runoff directly to local bodies of water without any type of filtering or treatment. This means that any

substance the runoff picks up, such as oils, fertilizers and trash can pollute our waterways.

"Our town has a direct impact on the health of local waterbodies, including ditches, streams, rivers and even Lake Michigan," said Chad Nondorf, Public Works Director. "There are important ways homeowners can prevent stormwater pollution."

- Sweep up debris, rather than hosing down areas.
- Clean up after your pet and dispose of pet waste in a trash container or toilet. When left outdoors, pet waste contributes bacteria and nutrients to stormwater.
- Cover piles of soil and mulch being used for landscaping projects.
- Prevent debris from entering nearby storm drains when conducting outdoor home improvement or landscaping projects.

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved surface to reduce the amount of dirty, soapy water entering storm drains and waterways.
- Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit shows nondetectable levels of chlorine and bromine.
- If you have a septic system, have it serviced regularly. Make sure
 it is not connected to the storm sewer or polluting a creek or other
 body of water.
- Recycle used oil, automotive fluids, batteries and other products.
 Don't dispose of hazardous products in storm drains, alleys or on the ground. This pollutes the drinking water supply.
- Clean up your property. Properly dispose of outdated or unused household chemicals stored in your basement, garage or barn, and do not store these materials outdoors.
- Do not store open containers, pails, buckets or pans of oil and chemicals outdoors.
- Reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides or other hazardous chemicals that you use. Buy only what you need so that you don't have to dispose of leftovers. Read all the labels and follow directions.

Nondorf added, "If you suspect stormwater issues, illicit discharges or have general inquiries, we can be reached by phone at the Town of Schererville Public Works Department, (219) 322-6688 or via email at www.publcworks@schererville.org."

High school seniors can now apply for Schererville Civic Funds (SCF) educational grants

Applications for the 2025 Schererville Civic Funds Educational Grant are now being accepted from high school seniors graduating with the class of 2025.

The SCF grant provides assistance to students demonstrating financial need and may be applied toward tuition fees at an **accredited college, vocational or technical school**, said Linda Toth, Board Member and Educational Grant Chairperson with Schererville Civic Funds, Inc. Applications must be received by Friday, April 25. Incomplete applications, or applications received by SCF after April 25 will NOT be considered, Toth said.

Grant recipients will be notified by May 21, 2025, she said.

Students meeting the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Must be a Schererville resident (within the town limits, but not necessarily having a Schererville address).
- Must be a graduating senior of the class of 2025.
- · Must have a cumulative high school grade point

average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.

- Must be accepted into an accredited college, technical school, or training program.
- Must be less than 21 years of age on date of application.
- · Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must NOT be an immediate family member of a SCF board member.

Students must complete and submit a 2025 SCF Educational Grant Application to:

Linda J. Toth, Educational Grant Chairperson Schererville Civic Funds, Inc. 335 Friar Tuck Drive Schererville, IN 46375 (219) 322-1542

Contact Linda Toth with any questions about the SCF Educational Grant Application. Details and the grant application form are available at the Schererville Civic Funds website www.scherervillecivicfunds.org.



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TUESDAYS, APRIL 8-JUNE 3

5:30-6:15 P.M. (AGES 4-6) (CHAMPION SQUIRES)

6:30-7:15 P.M. (JUNIOR KNIGHTS)

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Start the new year with a fun and exciting martial arts experience for your child! Join us for the Tang Soo Do Karate 2025 Session 3. Our children's martial arts classes are designed to promote physical fitness, self-defense, discipline, and self-confidence, all in a positive and respectful environment. Our Tang Soo Do Karate classes are high-energy, interactive, and go beyond just kicking and punching. We focus on building character, improving physical fitness, and learning self-defense.

Under the guidance of 4th-degree black belt master instructor Adam Theros, your child will grow in discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem while having fun in a supportive environment. Join our global community with over 200,000 members worldwide! This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to grow physically, mentally, and emotionally through martial arts. NEW STUDENT'S UNIFORM IS INCLUDED!! The fee is \$79 for residents/+20% for non-residents. Register now at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

8TH ANNUAL SPRING FEVER CRAFT SHOW

(2 LOCATIONS)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 & SUNDAY, APRIL 13 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

HOMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 210 E. JOLIET ST. SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Spring is just around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than by diving into the ultimate craft show experience? Join us at Schererville Community Center and Homan Elementary School -- which are only steps apart! With more than 200 venders, food trucks and free raffles, this event is a crafter's paradise. And both admission and parking are FREE! Whether you're hunting for unique handmade treasures or looking to get inspired, our Spring Fever Craft Show is the place to be! And new this year, ALL our craft shows will be juried, ensuring top-quality vendors.

Vendor applications are available at https://www.eventeny.com/events/

LET'S GET MESSY -- SESSION #3

MONDAYS, APRIL 14-MAY 5 9:30-10:30 A.M. (FOR AGES 18 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS)

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Join us for a fun and creative time where your toddler can explore, create, and get messy without the worry of cleaning up at home! Your little ones will enjoy hands-on activities that spark creativity and fun. Make memories together while we handle the mess! Guardian participation is required! Spots are limited, so secure yours today!

The fee is \$40 for residents/\$48 for non-residents. Register now at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

CSRI BRUSHES & BITES WITH SCHERERVILLE PARKS

MONDAY, APRIL 14 4:30-5:30 P.M. SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. We invite participants of the Cooperative Special

Recreation Initiative for an afternoon full of creativity and fun! Let your imagination shine as you paint beautiful watercolor masterpieces and decorate delicious cookies like a true artist! This class is open to participants with special needs. *Please note this is NOT a drop-off event. Caregivers are required to stay.*

The fee is \$10 per participant. Register today at www.schererville.org/catalogue. Don't forget to bring your creativity and your biggest smiles!

YOUNG REMBRANDTS -- SESSION #4

MONDAYS, APRIL 14-MAY 19 5:30-6:30 P.M. (FOR AGES 6-12)

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Does your child love to draw or want to sharpen their artistic skills? Then Young Rembrandts is the perfect class for them! In this fun and engaging program, kids will learn to turn complex objects into simple shapes and master drawing techniques that build confidence and creativity.

The fee is \$70 for residents/\$84 for non-residents. Register today at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT 2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AGES 4-7 6:45-7:45 P.M.

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Get ready for an egg-citing night adventure! Grab your flashlights and baskets and join us for our Flashlight Egg Hunt, where kids will search for eggs under the stars! Here's what's included: Meet & Greet with the Easter Bunny; Pizza, Dessert & Lemonade for participants; Themed Craft Activity; a Participation Prize for Every Child and a Hunt for Special Eggs to win bigger prizes!

The fee is \$15 for residents/\$18 for non-residents. Register now at www.schererville.org.

MUSIC TIME WITH MISS CAITLIN -- SESSION #3

TUESDAYS, APRIL 22 - MAY 27 10:15-11 A.M. (FOR AGES 9 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS)
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST.
Introduce your little one to the joy of music! Join Miss Catlin, a certified music teacher and mom, for a funfilled class featuring live music, singing, lap bounces and simple instrument play. Each activity is developmentally designed to support your child's growth and create meaningful parent-child moments. Parent participation is required, so come ready to sing, play and make memories together!

The fee is \$90 for residents/+20% for non-residents. Register now at www.schererville.org.

BRICKS FOR KIDZ!

TUESDAYS, APRIL 22-MAY 27 5:30-6:30 P.M. SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Is your child obsessed with LEGOs? Then they won't want to miss Bricks for Kidz! Our one-hour, hands-on classes are designed to spark their imagination while diving into the exciting worlds of architecture, engineering and technology -- all through the magic of LEGO® Bricks! The participants will build cool machines and gadgets, explore STEM concepts

through play and develop creativity and problemsolving skills.

The fee is \$75 for residents/+20% for non-residents. Register now at www.schererville.org.

POKÉMON PARTY IN THE PARK 2025 – THE YEAR OF EEVEE!

FRIDAY, MAY 23 5 P.M.
REDAR PARK, 217 GREGORY ST. SCHERERVILLE
TRAINERS, POKÉMON MASTERS & TEAM ROCKET
RECRUITS – IT'S TIME! One of Schererville's most
anticipated events of the year is BACK, and this time,
we're celebrating THE YEAR OF EEVEE!! Don't miss out
on the biggest Pokémon celebration of the year! Tag

your fellow trainers and LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999!

Here's what's in store:

- * LIVE BAND & Pokémon Sing-Along & Rap
- * 15 Food Trucks
- * 30+ Crafters & Vendors
- * Character Meet & Greets!
- Pokémon Card Giveaway
- * Air Brush Tattoo Artist
- NEW & IMPROVED KIDS KORNER & Bounce Houses
- * EPIC COMPETITIONS & TOURNAMENTS
- * Costume Contest Best Pokémon, Best Team Rocket, Best Trainer!
- Pokémon GO Tournament Are you the ultimate Pokémon GO master? Prove it!
- * Pokémon Side Events & Trading Zone Bring your cards, video games, and GO accounts to trade, battle & connect!
- * MOVIE FINALE UNDER THE STARS! End the night with a special screening of Pokémon: The First Movie Mewtwo Strikes Back!

FREE ENTRY! Come as a fan, leave as a champion!

Vendor applications are available at https://www.eventeny.com/events/

BABY IN TUNE 2025 -- SESSION #3 (FOR AGES NEWBORN TO 8 MONTHS)

THURSDAYS, APRIL 24-MAY 29 12:15-1:15 P.M. SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Join us for Baby in Tune with Miss Catlin, a heartwarming music class designed for parents and little ones. Through singing, swaying and playful interaction, you will discover how to use music to establish routines, soothe and communicate with your baby and foster joy and connection. This class also offers therapeutic benefits for parents as well as group discussions. Led by Miss Caitlin, a seasoned Early Childhood Music educator with more than 12 years of experience, you're guaranteed to have fun while learning skills that last a lifetime! Please bring a blanket for your baby. One parent per child is recommended to enhance the bonding experience.

The fee is \$90 for residents/+5% for non-residents. Optional materials priced at \$15 include a shaker, scarf and access to song videos. Register at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER TEA TIME

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 10 A.M. TO NOON SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. You are cordially invited to Schererville's Mother-Daughter Tea Time! Indulge in a delightful morning of



creating memories that will last a lifetime! This is an opportunity you won't want to miss! Everyone must have a ticket to attend. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Secure your tickets by registering at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

MINECRAFT PAINTING CLASS

SATURDAY, MAY 3 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M. SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Calling all crafters and creators! Bring your favorite Minecraft characters and scenes to life in this fun, family-friendly painting class led by Chris Hnatusko. You'll create your own block-tastic masterpiece that's sure to be a hit!

All ages are welcome. It's perfect for families, friends and Minecraft fans of all skill levels! All materials are provided -- just bring your creativity and crafting spirit! This is NOT a drop-off event -- it's a great bonding activity for everyone!

Spaces are limited, so grab your spot and let's get creative, block by block! The fee is \$30 for residents/\$38 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

MONDAY, MAY 5 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

Join Schererville Parks for a breathtaking adventure to the Holland Tulip Festival, a world-renowned celebration of Dutch culture, blooming tulips and festive traditions! This year's trip is on a Monday to avoid the weekend crowds, ensuring a more relaxed experience. We will enjoy traditional performances by Dutch Klompen dancers and wooden shoes, parades, carnival rides, shopping and delicious festival treats. This trip requires significant walking!

We will depart from Redar Park parking lot, located at 217 Gregory St. about 8 a.m. and return to the parking lot about 5 p.m. PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TO CHECK IN AND ENSURE WE LEAVE ON TIME!

Round-tirp coach bus transporation is included in the fee of \$50 for residents/\$60 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org/catalogue.

LASER TAG: NEON APOCALYPSE

FRIDAY, MAY 9 6-9 P.M.

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CTR., 500 E. JOLIET ST. Step into the Glow of the End Times! The world as we know it has fallen, and only the strongest will survive the Neon Apocalypse! Mutants, scavengers, and rogue cyborgs roam the wastelands, but in this highenergy laser tag showdown, YOU have the power to take control. Armed with your laser blaster, you'll battle through a pulse-pounding arena filled with glowing ruins, flashing lights, fog-filled battle zone, and electrifying music as you fight to be the last warrior standing.

Will you lead your faction to victory, or will you be left glowing in the wreckage? There's only one way to find out-join us for an epic night of action, strategy, and survival! The fee is \$30 for residents/\$36 for non-residents. Register at https://secure.recl.com/IN/town-ofschererville-in/catalog

Celebrate National Library Week!!

It's time to be "Drawn to the Library" during National Library Week that runs from April 6 through April 12 at the Dyer-Schererville Public Library branch located at 1001 W. Lincoln Hwy in Schererville.

"We will have two 'contests' for our community members to take part in," said Beth Alyea, Branch Manager. "This year --2025 -- marks the 100th anniversary of The Great Gatsby written by F. Scott Fitzgerald. To celebrate this anniversary, we will have a book cover redesign contest. Drop off your redesigned book covers featuring The Great Gatsby at the Dyer-Schererville branch during our open hours -- Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Three age groups can participate in this contest, she said. Those include Adults (18 years of age and older); Teens (ages 12-17) and School-Age (Kindergarten through 5th grade). Designs can be hand-drawn, painted or graphic designed, and all designs need to have a physical copy for submission, Alyea noted adding, "Please no Al designs."

An entry form must be included with the name, contact email, phone number and age of the participant. A committee will judge the entries and announce a winner in each category on Monday, April 14. Prizes will include library swag.

"We will also have a Favorite Book to Staff Member Match-Up during this week," Alyea said.

"Fill out the game card trying to match staff members to their favorite book. Please submit the completed cards to the box to be entered for a library swag bag prize," she noted. "Winners will be picked and notified on April 14. Those with all answers correct will be put into a random drawing to pick a winner."

Other National Library Week events at the Dyer-Schererville branch include the following:

April 8 6:00pm All Ability: Book Page Wreaths (Ages 18 & older) This program is for adults with special needs and inclusive to everyone over the age of 18. Registration required.

April 9 2-5pm Drop-in Poetry Play: Ages 6-18 - National Library Week Celebration Come and celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month by creating a piece of poetry at our drop-in poetry event!

April 9 5:30-6:30pm Teen Library Olympics: Ages 12-18 Help celebrate National Library Week by competing in fun and whimsical challenges to show off your knowledge of the library! Participants are encouraged to be creative and bend the rules in these tasks inspired by the game show Taskmaster. Snacks are provided. Participants are encouraged to check out the Teen Post to gain an advantage in one of the tasks. Please register.

April 10 3:00pm It All Comes with Your **Library Card!** Explore some of our popular digital platforms that are included with your resident LCPL card. We will showcase Kanopy, Hoopla, Libby, Freegal. Bring your devices & library cards! Please register.

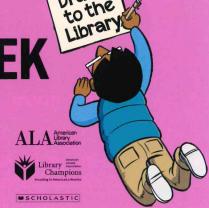
Find these and all the Lake County Public Library events at: www.lcplin.org/events. Questions can be directed to the Info Desk at the Dyer-Schererville branch, (219) 322-4731.

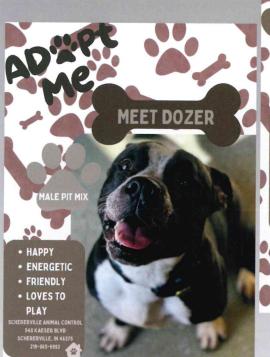


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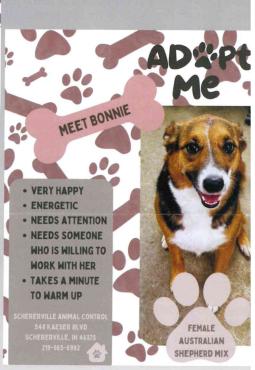
"Stories and art draw us together, inspiring all of us to discover our own unique talents. Libraries are essential to that process—now more than ever!"

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Adopting a pet could make Spring special



If you are thinking about adding a new member to your family this Spring, the Schererville Animal Control Department & Shelter at 548 Kaeser Blvd. offers some wonderful candidates for pet adoption.

"The animals we have available for pet adoption have been rescued off the street," said Schererville Animal Control Officer Kanton. "We are having a special pet adoption fee of just \$65."

This fee includes spaying/neutering; microchipping, a rabies vaccine; a distemper vaccine; and heartworm check, she noted.

Visitations and adoptions are by appointment only. Please call (219) 865-6992.











What's Happening in Town



- 7 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Good Friday -- Town Hall closed
- 21 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

MAY

- Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 5
- 7 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 26 Memorial Day -- Town Hall closed
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m. (Subject to change)

JUNE

- 2 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 11 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment

- 16 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

JULY

- 3 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Independence Day -- Town Hall closed
- 7 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- Park Board Meeting 6 p.m. 8
- Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment 9 Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

AUGUST

- Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 6 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 7 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.



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