



The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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APRIL

- 5 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 11 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 14 2018 Spring Fever Craft Show, Community Center, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 16 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals, 6 p.m.
- 27 Party in the Park: Feast Your Face, Redar Park, 5-9 p.m.

MAY

- 2 Park Board 6 p.m.
- 3 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 4 Party in the Park: Cinco de Mayo, Redar Park, 5-9 p.m.
- 7 Plan Commission 6 p.m.
- 8 Town Hall Closed – Election Day
- 9 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 11 Party in the Park: Mom's Day, Redar Park, 5-9 p.m.
- 28 Town Hall Closed – Memorial Day

Spring clean-up coming to your neighborhood

With the arrival of spring, the Schererville Public Works Department will be in neighborhoods throughout the town for leaf and branch pickup. To help with this effort, please follow these instructions.

Branch pickup began the week of April 1 on the north side of U.S. 30 and will rotate weekly with the south side of U.S. 30 until late fall. Leaf pickup starts the week of April 16 and also will rotate weekly on the north and south sides of U.S. 30 until May 25.

Please remember to put branches and leaves in separate piles in the parkway/the grassy area between the sidewalk and street or they won't be picked up by crews. Also please be considerate and try to keep the leaves on the parkway. This will help prevent flooding during heavy rains. Please have your branches and leaves out for pickup by 7 a.m. Monday morning on your designated week. Calendars and other branch/leaf information can be found online at www.schererville.org. Check out our radio station AM 1630 to stay up to date with current information.

Grass clippings go out with the trash, not recycling. Please keep lawn bags dry and weighing less than 40 pounds.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28. Garbage and recycling will be picked up one day later during this week. Pickups usually occurring on Wednesday with be on Thursday, and Thursday pickup will be done on Friday.

Doing some spring cleaning? Check out the Lake County Solid Waste Management's website at www.LCSWMD.com for their hazardous waste schedule. You have an opportunity each month to drop off items such as aerosols, ammunition, antifreeze, oils, batteries, medications, fluorescent tubes and other poisonous liquids.

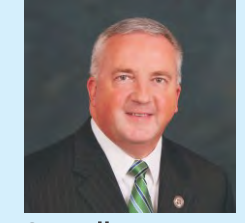
If you have an old TV or other electronics needing disposal, also check out www.LCSWMD.com or call (219) 853-2420 to find your nearest Electronic Recycling Center.



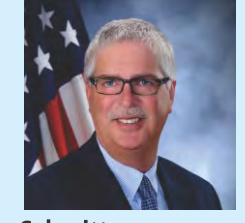
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



David DeJong, Councilman Ward 1



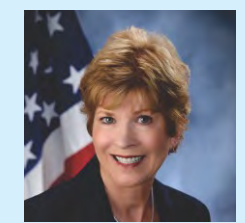
Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



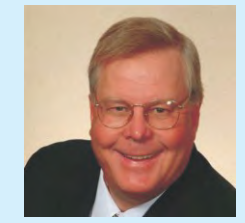
Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court



Schererville Fire Department undergoes changes

Fire Chief Joseph Kruzan, 56, retired Feb. 9 after serving as chief since Nov. 1, 2004. Named Indiana Fire Chief of the Year in 2008, Kruzan began his fire-fighting career in 1997 with the Hammond Fire Department. While serving in Schererville, Kruzan increased staffing as well as services for paramedic care. The Plum Creek fire station also was renovated during his tenure.



On Feb. 14, the Schererville Town Council appointed Deputy Fire Chief Bob Patterson as Schererville Fire Chief. The 52-year old Patterson began his career as a volunteer firefighter in Dyer in 1991, then joined the Schererville Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1995. He advanced to full-time the next year. "I've come up through the ranks from lieutenant to captain to deputy chief," Patterson said. "Chief Kruzan hired me as deputy chief in 2004, three weeks after he started."

Among the nearly 60 fire department employees are 16 full-time firefighters/paramedics and EMT's. "We're in the process of hiring two more to bring full-time staffing up to 18," Patterson said. As Deputy Chief, Patterson oversaw the renovation of the Plum Creek Fire Station and has been instrumental in the remodeling of Fire Station 1 at 1650 Cline Ave. which is now completed. "The living quarters have been expanded here," he

said about the bedrooms and bathrooms with showers. The remodeling also includes a kitchen with stainless steel stove and microwave, overhead and under-counter cabinets and a separate dining area.

This fire station houses five firefighters and paramedics per shift. Equipment includes a fire engine, a fire truck with tower ladder and ambulances that cover the central and eastern parts of Schererville, Patterson said.

"We are in the process of working to remodel Fire Station 3 at Pine Island. The architectural firm is working on blueprints for that renovation," the fire chief said. The Pine Island renovation will include an additional area for equipment and access through Springvale Road and Burr Street.

The Schererville Fire Department provides services to 30,000 residents in a 20-square mile area including the Town of Schererville and unincorporated St. John Township.

Police Department will continue community-oriented programs

With the retirement of Police Chief Dave Dowling, the Schererville Police Department will continue its emphasis on community-oriented programs under the leadership of Interim Chief Dennis Zagrocki.

"We developed a game plan. We want to be community-oriented," said Zagrocki about the team approach he and Dowling established. That approach helped the department achieve national accreditation in 2017 by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) based in Virginia.

"The SPD provides full police services, and has developed a comprehensive community outreach program to address crime and public safety issues facing the Town of Schererville," the assessors wrote in the CALEA report.

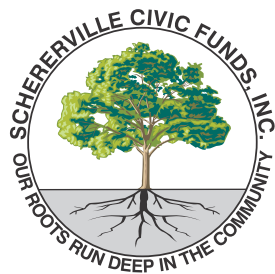
The 64-year old Zagrocki said he has followed in the footsteps of his father, who was a policeman in East

Chicago. Zagrocki began his own career in law enforcement in 1976 with the Indiana Harbor Belt Police Department. In 1979, he was hired as a patrolman in the Schererville Police Department. His assignments have included patrol supervisor, head of the detective bureau and evidence manager. Named Acting Chief in 1989, Zagrocki served as Chief of Police from 1990 until 1992.

"I was Dave Dowling's training officer when he joined the department," Zagrocki recalled. When Dowling was named police chief in 2004, Zagrocki became deputy chief.

In addition to his duties as Interim Police Chief, Zagrocki oversees animal control, the IT department, evidence management, the DARE program and code enforcement. Currently there are 49 sworn officers in the Schererville Police Department. Four officers will soon be retiring and one was hired by another police department. Zagrocki said the two newest officers sworn in during a Board of Safety meeting in October are completing their field training, and the department is currently in the process of hiring three new police officers.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:



Apply now for 2018 Schererville Civic Funds, Inc. Educational Grant

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2018 Schererville Civic Funds Education Grant, which provides assistance for students demonstrating financial need and may be applied toward tuition fees at an accredited college, vocational or technical school.

High school seniors who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Be a Schererville resident (within town limits, but not necessarily have a Schererville address)
- Be a graduating senior of the Class of 2018
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent
- Be accepted into an accredited college, technical school, or training program
- Be younger than 21 years of age on date of application
- In addition, no immediate family member can be a member of a SCF board.

Students interested in applying must complete and submit a 2018 SCF Educational Grant Application to Linda J. Toth, Educational Grant Chairperson – Schererville Civic Funds, Inc., 335 Friar Tuck Dr., Schererville, IN 46375. Her phone number is (219) 322-1542.

For more details, visit the Schererville Civic Funds website: www.scherervillecivicfunds.org. The application deadline is April 30.



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SPRING FEVER CRAFT SHOW

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER • SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
Say goodbye to winter and hello to Spring Shopping at this year's Spring Fever Craft Show! Gather your family and friends and join us at the Schererville Community Center, 500 E. Joliet St., where you'll find more than 100 crafters, food trucks offering an array of refreshments, free craft raffles, a balloon artist and much more!!

JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING TRIPS

Register by April 30 for our trip to Four Winds Casino on Thursday, May 10, departing from Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. You'll receive a \$10 food voucher and \$15 for slot play. A valid government-issued photo ID is required the day of the trip. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$27 for non-residents. Sign up at Town Hall or online at www.activenwi.com.

The Chicago Botanic Garden opened more than 40 years ago and today is one of the world's great living museums and conservation science centers. Join us as we tour the 27 magnificent gardens and four natural areas on Thursday, May 24. We'll leave Rohrman Park at 7 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$28 for non-residents. Sign up at Town Hall or online at www.activenwi.com.

PARTY IN THE PARK 2018

REDAR PARK

Party in the Park is BACK!! Schererville Parks invites you, your family and friends to celebrate at Redar Park, 217 Gregory St., with live entertainment, a beer and wine garden, food trucks, crafters and vendors, games, contests, bouncy houses and so much more!! Join us on the following festive occasions!!

FEAST YOUR FACE PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 5-9 P.M.

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, MAY 4, 5-9 P.M.

MOM'S DAY PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, MAY 11, 5-9 P.M.

DAIRY DAY PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, MAY 18, 5-9 P.M.

DONUTS & DESCENDANTS (MOVIE) PARTY IN THE PARK
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 5-10:30 P.M.

"PICK YOUR POISON" PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 5-9 P.M.

HOCUS POCUS (MOVIE) PARTY IN THE PARK FRIDAY, JULY 13, 5-10:30 P.M.



Town Hall provides early voting site for primary election

Registered voters can cast their ballots for the upcoming primary election at Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St., during April and May.

Early voting in April is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 through Friday, April 13; Monday, April 16 through Friday, April 20; Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27 and Monday, April 30. Polls will also be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Polls are open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

During May, the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 through Friday, May 5. On Saturday, May 6, early voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Monday, May 7, early voting will be available from 9 a.m. to noon. Polls are open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Town Hall will be closed on Election Day Tuesday, May 8.



Watch for senior citizen activities next issue

Senior citizens can enjoy lots of programs and activities in Schererville throughout the year including games, exercise, health screenings and lunch with friends. Check out the next issue of *Schererville Crossroads* for an update on these great opportunities.