

The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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April

- 1: Park Board 6:00 PM
- 2: Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt 7:30-8:30 PM at the Schererville Community Center
- 4: Breakfast with the Bunny 9:00-11:30 AM at the Schererville Community Center
- 6: Plan Commission 6:00 PM
- 8: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7:00 PM
- 9: Board of Safety 7:00 PM
- 20: Plan Commission Study Session 6:00PM
- 22: Town Council Study Session 6:00PM
- 26: The Schererville Lions Club Annual A.Y.C.E Pancake Breakfast 7:30AM-12:30PM

- 14: The Redar Park Market 3:00-8:00PM
- 18: Plan Commission Study Session 6:00PM
- 20: Police Memorial 1:00PM in the Police Department Parking Lot
- 21: The Redar Park Market 3:00-8:00PM
- 25: Board of Zoning Appeals 6:00PM
- 27: Town Council Study Session 6:00PM
- 28: The Redar Park Market 3:00-8:00PM

June

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May

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Online Bill Pay, Paperless Billing

Need to pay a bill when Town Hall is closed, or it's just too late to send a check? Visit www.schererville.org and click on **Pay Water Bill** online. Choose to do a one-time pay or register. There are several benefits to registering for online billing including the ability to check previous invoices, the option to go paperless, an easier way to store information and, of course best of all, it gives the ability to pay anytime from anywhere.

Town of Schererville Direct Withdrawal Program for Utility Payment

Forget to pay your water bill, it's a common mistake, perhaps the easiest bill to slip your mind, well no need to worry. If you register for the automatic withdrawal program, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from an account you specify on the 24th of every month. Automatic payment takes the hassle right out of the process. There is no more check to write, no need to call and pay over the phone, and absolutely no rushing to Town Hall to pay that bill that slips your mind.

With automatic payment, you will still receive your water bill monthly for your review. It will be marked with the following: **Direct withdrawal – do not send payment.** Most importantly, your bank information will be securely maintained.

SUMMER SEWER DISCOUNT

From the time your water meter is read in May until the time it is read in the beginning of September, residents receive a discount. It is called summer sewer rates. If you had planned on filling your pool, hot tub, watering new sod or seed prior to May 1st or after September 1st, please read your meter before you begin water usage and then again after your finished. **Call the readings into the Clerk Treasure's Office at (219) 322-2211 Ext. 5.**

ELECTION NOTICE

There are no contested races for the municipal primary election. Therefore, the Town of Schererville will not be holding any primary elections. This saves the Town approximately \$30,000. The Town will, however, be an **Early Voting Site** from April 7th until May 4th. Please contact Town Hall with any questions.

Spring Cleaning Time, continued from front page

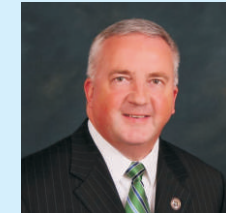
- Town crews will **NOT** pick up **GRASS CLIPPINGS**. Grass clippings can be placed in plastic bags, paper bags, trash cans or other such containers and set out with regular trash on your scheduled pick-up date. The Town's scavenger service has two rules for grass clippings: 1. The weight of a container must not exceed 40 pounds; 2. They must be in dry containers that will not break if handled roughly. Items will not be lifted if it is evident that they may break.



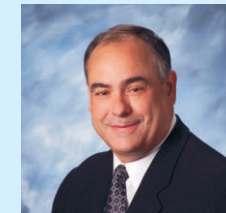
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Jerry Tippy, Councilman Ward 1



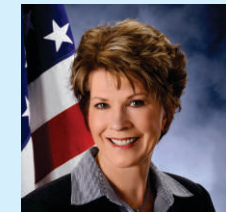
Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



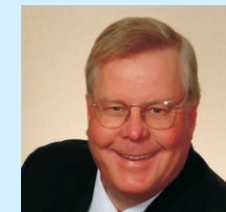
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

PROTECTING OUR WATER QUALITY

Mandated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Town of Schererville is participating in a program called the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems or MS4. The program is meant to regulate the intake of nonpoint source pollution or storm water runoff into the Town's storm sewers and drainage ditches.

Several commonly used products such as oil, antifreeze, litter, animal wastes, fertilizer, pesticides and sediment from erosion can be washed into the storm drain systems during rain storms or even from melting snow.

The MS4 program includes six techniques designed to reduce these water pollutants. The first two measures are to be expected but perhaps the most critical: public education and, even more importantly, public participation.

Spring Cleaning Time

As we wash away the winter blues, and the dirt that has settled now that the snow is gone, we look ahead to some spring cleaning. The Schererville Branch and Leaf Collection department will help in that effort. Here is the information for 2015:

- Spring leaf collection for 2015 will begin April 13th. Leaves will be picked up for six weeks (the end of leaf collection being the week of May 18th). This does not include the Briar Ridge subdivision.
- Branch collection begins March 30th on the north side of U.S. 30, and continues through the year until it starts snowing, usually occurring in mid-December.
- Each week the route alternates between north and south with U.S. 30 as the dividing line.

Branch and Leaf Pick-up Policies

- To be assured your piles of branches/leaves are picked up, have it in front of your residence by 7:00 a.m on Monday morning of your designated week for pick-up.
- Branches and leaves are to be placed in the parkway between the sidewalk and the street, at least five feet from the street itself.
- Please **do not** place branches and leaves in the street.

Six steps to protecting water quality:

- Never dump automotive waste materials or used household products into a storm drain, anywhere on the ground, or into a basement sump pump.
- Make an effort to buy environmentally friendly household products.
- Always follow the instructions carefully when using or discarding household products.
- Be conscious of what lies "downstream" when washing cars or applying lawn care products.
- Avoid long term exposure of uncovered soil stockpiles, establish vegetation to prevent erosion.
- Clean up pet waste and dispose of it in a method that will prevent introduction into storm sewers or ditches.

- Branches and leaves must be placed in separate piles or they will not be picked up.
 - Residents that have frontage on two roads (houses that face a low volume subdivision street and back up to a main thoroughfare such as 77th Ave.) are required to place leaves and branches on the low volume subdivision street.
 - Avoid placing leaves and branches in ditches and drainage swales.
 - Do not place leaves in any type of containers.
 - Leaf and branch piles will only be picked up from residents that receive trash service from the Town of Schererville.
 - Large branch piles (4 cubic yards and larger) are more effectively picked-up using a pay loader and dump truck. The route will make every attempt to note the addresses where large piles are located to schedule separate pick-ups on a Friday.
 - Residents are welcome to bring branches/leaves to the municipal dump, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Grass Clippings Disposal Policies & Procedures
- The Public Works Department encourages all residents to use a mulching type lawn mower to recycle grass clippings back into the soil from which they came. *continued on back page*

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Michael Bork and **Daniel Drexler** were sworn in as new Schererville Police Officers. Both Officers Bork and Drexler will be attending the 15-week course at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana, to obtain certification as sworn Police Officers.

Peggi Calderaro, who started with the department as a dispatcher in 1985 and was hired as a Police Officer in 1990, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

William Bednar, who was hired as a Police Officer in 1999, was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Officers of the Year

Corporal David Hunter and **Officer Richard Jandura**, both of the Patrol Division, were selected as Co-Officers of the Year. Corporal Hunter has been with the department since 2002 and Officer Jandura has been with the department since 1995.

in the Criminal Investigations Division, **Officer E. David Nangle** was selected as Officer of the Year. Officer Nangle has been with the department since 2002.



Officer Michael Bork



Officer Daniel Drexler

HONORING OUR VETERANS WALK/RUN

Please register to participate in the very first 5K/10K walk-run on May 23rd, 2015 by contacting the Tri-Town Safety Village where the event will take place. Proceeds will be used to help fund a future Veterans Museum at the Safety Village. For registration and/or questions, call the Tri-Town Safety Village at (219) 865-9600.

LIONS A.Y.C.E. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 26 is the day set for the annual Schererville Lions All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. It is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 140 W. Highway 30 in Schererville. The cost of breakfast is your good will donation with all proceeds designated to the American Legion Post 485 Raise the Roof Campaign.

So if you like pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs - come out and enjoy town fellowship and breakfast for a good cause. For more information call (219) 322-2551 or (219) 677-0678.

REDAR PARK MARKET RETURNS MAY 14TH

The bitter cold wasteland that was February has finally passed. The days are getting longer, and as spring creeps its way closer we can start to imagine it melting into a long-deserved summer.

The Schererville Parks Department would like to invite everyone to enjoy summer's bountiful harvest with fresh produce, artisan baked goods, specialty foods, locally farmed honey, crafts and much more. The Parks Department is excited to share its new vision of the Redar Park Market by implementing new plans and ideas including a brand new name for the market, an increased number of vendors, and a larger variety of goods.

There will be live music from 6:00-8:00 PM in the beer and wine garden and, as usual, anyone traveling the Pennsy Trail will find bike racks for their convenience.

The market will be open on Thursdays starting May 14th from 3:00-8:00 PM and will continue all the way through September 17th (dates and times are subject to change due to the weather). Please note there will be no market on Thursday June 18th. Interested vendors can contact the Parks Department at (219) 865-5530.

CHICAGO CUBS vs. WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Whether you're a Cubs fan or not, you've probably heard that this is the year that things are going to turn around for the North Side ball club. The future has become the present and it's time to cash in the promise of all that losing, or rebuilding I think they called it.

The Schererville Parks Department would like to invite you to join in on great night of baseball when the Washington Nationals come to Chicago to meet the Cubs at historic Wrigley Field, May 27th at 7:05 p.m. A coach bus will be departing Rohrman Park at 4:15 p.m. and returning at 11:30 p.m. Seats are located in Section 229. Only \$38 for residents and \$41 for non-residents.

ADULT SOFT BALL LEAGUES

Registration is going on now for spring and summer Adult Softball Leagues at Rohrman Park. Co-ed leagues will take place on Sundays and men's leagues will take place on either Tuesday or Thursday. Leagues begin the week of April 26th. Team registration fee is \$525; there will be a total of fourteen games played including a postseason tournament. Leagues follow the ASA rules and sanctioning. If interested, contact the Parks Department at (219) 865-5530 Ext. 6103 or register in person at the Schererville Town Hall or online at activenwi.com.



May 15th of every year is designated as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls is Police Week. On Wednesday May 20th, the Schererville Police Department will have a memorial service in the parking lot outside of the department. This memorial service not only honors the men and women who put their lives at risk to protect the citizens of Schererville, but all the officers who are willing to do the same in so many communities across this vast country.

This year Mark Becker is the keynote speaker. Becker spent 32-years with the FBI, eventually retiring as the senior supervising resident agent for Northwest Indiana. He currently serves as Chief of Police in East Chicago.

RAISE THE ROOF

It's never easy to ask for help, especially when you have traditionally been the one helping others.

A few months ago, members of the Schererville Lions Club and the Schererville Chamber of Commerce met at Schererville's American Legion Post 485, 7485 Burr Street, to pack boxes for our troops. That was when they noticed a puddle in the middle of the post's hall. Several of the patches that had previously been made to the roof had finally given-way.

The members have tried for years to maintain their existing roof but it is finally time for complete replacement. As a not-for-profit organization, money can be a little scarce for such repairs. The Schererville Lions Club and the Schererville Chamber of Commerce have decided to take the lead in raising a new roof for Post 485. The replacement cost is substantial and any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated. One hundred percent of all donations will go directly to the Raise the Roof Fund.

Donations or checks should be made payable to the American Legion, and can be sent to First Financial Bank – Diana Bravo, American Legion Post 485, 450 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN, 46375.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Alex Belligio, who has been serving as a part-time firefighter/EMT since September 2010, was hired on as a full time employee after receiving his paramedic license.

Natalie Ferrantella, who started with the department as a part-time firefighter/EMT in 2005, and was hired on full time in 2007, was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

Steve Waterstraat, who started with the Schererville Fire Department in 2009, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain.



From left are Alex Belligio, Deputy Chief, Robert Patterson, and Fire Chief, Joe Kruzan

Congratulations to each of them. It is a tremendous accomplishment not only in their personal careers, but is another indicator of their dedication in serving the residents of the Schererville community.



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