



# The Schererville Crossroads



## What's Happening in Town

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### December

- 1 Plan Commission 6PM
- 3 Park Board 6PM
- 6 Breakfast with Santa at the Community Center 9:30 AM
- 8 Bedtime Christmas Stories at the Community Center 6-7PM
- 10 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7PM
- 11 Board of Safety 6PM
- 14 Candy Cane Hunt at the Community Center 12:30-2PM and 2:30-4PM
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6PM, Tickets go on sale for the Daddy-Daughter Dance and the Mother-Son Dance
- 22 Christmas Story & Craft at the Community Center 11AM-12:15PM, Christmas Cooking and Craft at the Community Center 3-5PM
- 23 Cookies for Santa & Ornament Making Workshop at the Community Center 1-3PM

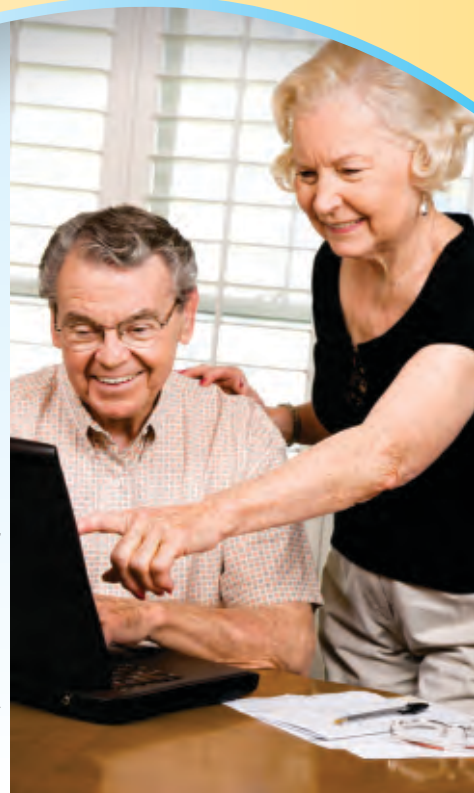
### January

- 2 Can license your pet for 2015
- 3 Tri-Town Raiders Flag Football, Cheer & Dance League sign-up at the Dyer/Schererville Library 10AM-1PM
- 5 Plan Commission 6PM
- 7 Park Board 6PM
- 8 Board of Safety 7PM
- 10 Tri-Town Raiders Sign-up 10AM-1PM
- 17 Tri-Town Raiders Sign-up 10AM-1PM
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6PM
- 21 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, town Council 7PM
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals 6PM
- 28 Town Council Study Session 6PM

### PAY WITH A CLICK

The Town of Schererville has had a great start to the Online Billing payment program. Residents have been enthusiastic about the convenience and accessibility being able to pay their utility bills online provides. Not only does it save time and gas, but it also helps to avoid penalty fees for late payment. With so much going on especially during the holiday season, it is easy to lose track of a detail here and there, which is why the ability to pay one's utility bill remotely is a welcome convenience in a time crunch.

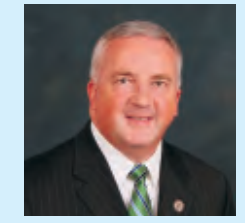
If you haven't had a chance to register yet, sign-up to view your utility bills online. Remember, there's no need to register to make a One-Time Payment. If you are already setup on Direct Withdrawal through the Town of Schererville (meaning your payment comes directly out of your checking account), there's no need to do it again online. However, we encourage all customers to sign up online for paperless billing. Call or contact the Clerk Treasurer's office with any questions on the new Online Billing program (219) 322-2211 Ext. 5 or [utilitybilling@schererville.org](mailto:utilitybilling@schererville.org).



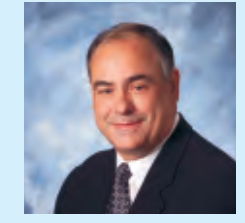
Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



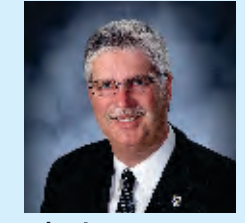
Jerry Tippy, Councilman Ward 1



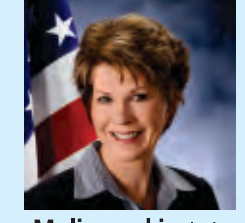
Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



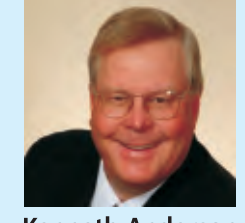
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

## Brrrrr! Winter has returned!

Love it or hate it, winter has returned. It's amazing how easy spring and summer wash away the sting of the cold, but with the fallen leaves and shorter days, we move closer to that inevitable time of year. In preparation for the cold and snowy season, the Public Works Department has a few winter weather reminders.

The Public Works Department is responsible for snow removal on approximately 115 miles of streets throughout the Town of Schererville. This does not include U.S. 30 or U.S. 41 both of which are under Indiana Department of Transportation jurisdiction, or the State Highway Department.

The main arteries receive highest priority. These streets are usually pre-treated with a brine solution before a winter storm hits. This helps in keeping the snow from packing and freezing to the pavement. When plows are dispatched to begin plowing, they spread a dosage of road salt behind the trucks. This is thrown from a spinner on the back of the truck and the reason why drivers need to keep a minimum following distance of 50 feet to avoid having salt strike their vehicles.

- Here are a few more important reminders:
- **WHERE/WHEN NOT TO PARK:** Town Ordinance 791 prohibits parking on the street when there is a snowfall of 2" or greater. "No person shall park any vehicle on any street within the corporate limits of the town whenever there is two (2") inches or more of snow thereon, until said snow is removed. Any vehicle which is parked on said street when depth of snow exceeds two (2") may be towed away."
  - **KEEP IT CLEAN:** Do not throw snow from your sidewalks or driveway onto the street. Doing this causes ice patches



and creates an unnecessary hazard for traffic using the roadway. This is a general nuisance ordinance violation.

- **PLEASE HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Please help keep fire hydrants clear of snow. This will assist the Fire Department should the need arise to use the hydrant. Should an emergency arise, a hydrant buried in snow is difficult to find and will cost fire personnel valuable time in responding.
- **A BIGGER CHALLENGE:** Cul-de-sacs present the Public Works Department with several challenges in the clearing of snow and ice. First, they are wider than most streets and accordingly hold more snow, and second, they usually have a higher density of driveways leaving very little room between them to plow the snow.

Once the main streets have been plowed and salted, we move to the secondary or main entry streets in the subdivisions. Finally, we finish with the third tier streets in a subdivision, which are the streets that service the residents of that street and their visitors and guests. We always attempt to keep these streets open making one or two passes up and down them during a snowfall event, however, the finishing or pushing snow back to the curb line, is usually not completed until the snow has stopped falling and main and secondary streets have been completed.



# GIFT VI CHALLENGE MATCH



The Schererville Parks Foundation, Inc., is partnering with the Crown Point Community Foundation in the Gift VI Challenge Match. Through this partnership, contributions to the Schererville Parks Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund will help create a new source of funding for future community needs.

Endowment funds are an important source of annual income, providing revenue forever. The endowment will be administered under the watchful eye of the Crown Point Community Foundation, which has a proven track record in the prudent management of invested funds over its 23-year existence.

Through the Gift VI Challenge, the Crown Point Community Foundation is encouraging agency



endowment funds by offering a match for charitable contributions. Gifts to the Schererville Parks Foundations, Inc., received by the deadline of December 31, 2014, will be matched fifty-cents on the dollar. The target amount is an ambitious one at \$50,000, which will permit the foundation to receive the maximum match funds of \$25,000.

For more information regarding the Schererville Parks Foundation, Inc. Endowment Fund, or the Gift VI Challenge Match contact Director of Fund Development, Karen A. Aldrich.



## Schererville Civic Funds, Inc.

In 1956 a group of Schererville residents came together to help the less fortunate living in our community. Eventually that group became the Schererville Civic Funds, Inc., a 501c3 charity. Schererville has grown dramatically over the course of 58 years, but the need to assist our neighbors remains imperative in maintaining a strong and healthy community.

SCF is funded entirely by contributions, exclusively serving the rights of Schererville residents. It distributes food certificates on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, as well as utility and rent assistance. It loans out healthcare equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds while also awarding educational grants to high school students demonstrating financial need, and assists youth groups and municipal organizations.

To get involved, mail your tax-deductible contribution to Schererville Civic Funds, Inc., P.O. Box 5, Schererville, IN 46375. Ninety-eight cents out of every dollar raised goes to helping members of the community in need. More information is available at [www.scherervillecivalfunds.org](http://www.scherervillecivalfunds.org), or by calling (219) 322-1020.



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## Making the Season Last Longer

Blink your eyes and Thanksgiving has flown by along with the rest of 2014, but luckily the final holiday before the big clock drops from the sky and a brand new year begins is perhaps the best. It's hard to say whether it's the decorations, the music, or simply the nostalgia that the holiday season tends to bring about, but even the cold and snow are tolerable during the Christmas season. Families and friends gather around the tree with stacks of gifts to hand out to one another, and it seems that everyone is able to find their inner-child, chomping at the bit to unwrap the perfect gift. Christmas eve and Christmas only last two days, but the Parks Department has several Christmas-themed events taking place at the Community Center to help savor the holiday season a little longer.

- Candy Cane Hunt: December 14, 12:30-2:00 PM (ages 3-5) and 2:30-4:00 (ages 6-9)
- Christmas Story & Craft (ages 3-6): December 22, 11:00-12:15 PM
- Christmas Cooking & Craft (ages 7-11): December 22, 3:00-5:00 PM
- Cookies for Santa & Ornament Making Workshop (ages 4-10): December 23, 1:00-3:00 PM

For more information on any of these events please refer to the 2014 Fall/Holiday Brochure or visit [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

## Dads / Daughters Moms / Sons

The Schererville Parks Department would like to remind everyone that one of the biggest events of the year is right around the corner. The Daddy-Daughter Dance, taking place on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and this year there will also be a Mother-Son Dance taking place on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on these fantastic events. The theme this year is Hollywood and tickets go on sale December 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information on this event visit [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org) or refer to the inside cover of the 2014 Fall/Holiday Brochure.

## Pet Licensing Time



You may license your pet for the year 2015 beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clerk Treasurer's office in Town Hall. All dogs and cats must be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 per town ordinance. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs and cats are \$5.00, for non-spayed/neutered dogs is \$20.00 and for non-spayed/neutered cats is \$10.00. Please bring proof of current shot records and proof of spaying and neutering. These records are not kept from year to year, so you must bring these documents with you. If you do not license your dog or cat by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March you will be charged a \$10.00 late fee for each pet (Town Ordinance #1549 limits residents to owning and licensing five dogs and/or cats). Failure to license your pet could result in fines ranging from \$25 to \$2,500. Town Hall and the Clerk-Treasurer's Office are located at 10 E. Joliet Street, Schererville IN (phone: 219-322-2211 Ext. 5). Office hours are Monday through Friday, except holidays, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM and till 6:00 on Wednesday.

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We will continue to spread salt on the main streets as we have in past years. On second and third tier streets we will only apply salt to the intersections, curves and hills. We advise all drivers to use to caution when using the roadways under adverse conditions. Should you have any questions feel free to contact the Public Works Department Monday-Friday, 7:00AM-3:30PM at (219)322-6688 or (219)322-5486.