





#### October

- 6:00PM Plan Commission
- 6:00PM Park Board
- 7:00PM Board of Safety
- 14 7:00PM Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks board, Utility board, Town Council: Honoring former volunteer Firefighters
- 19 6:00PM Plan Commission Study Session
- 24 1:00PM Tri Town Safety Village Safe Halloween Event
- 26 6:00PM Board of Zoning Appeals
- 28 6:30PM Halloween Stories & Campfire

- 6:00PM Plan Commission
- 6:00PM Park Board
- 9:AM-3:PM 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Show
- 6:30PM Veterans Remembrance Day Service
- 12 7:00PM Board of Safety
- 6:00PM Plan Commission Study Session
- 18 7:00PM Redevelopment Commission Study Session, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council
- 23 6:00PM Board of Zoning Appeals
- 27 4:PM-7:PM Santa is Coming to Town

#### December

- 6:00PM Plan Commission Study Session
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- 7:00PM Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council
- 7:00PM Board of Safety
- 21 6:00PM Plan Commission Study Session





Trick-or-Treat are from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Have lots of fun, but be sure to practice smart Halloween etiquette: **Dress in bright clothing or** carry a flashlight. Cross streets carefully, be respectful to property owners, and don't forget to say Thanks!

## Online Bill Pay, Paperless Billing

If you need to pay a bill and Town Hall is closed or it's just too late to send a check, you can visit www.schererville.org and under Main Menu click on Pay Water Bill. 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 you can pay anytime from anywhere.

Once registered for the automatic withdrawal program, you will never make the common mistake of forgetting to pay your water bill. The payment will be automatically withdrawn on the 24th of every month from a checking account of your specification. It takes the hassle right out of the process, no more checks to write, no need to call and pay over the phone, and best of all no rushing to Town Hall to pay that bill that slipped your mind.

If you sign up for automatic withdrawal, you will still received your water bill as usual. It will be marked with the following: Direct withdrawal - do not send **payment**. Your bank information will be securely maintained.

# Schererville Crossroads



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## **SAFETY VILLAGE GETS NIPSCO LUMINARY AWARD**

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Tri-Town Safety Village a local non-profit organization located in Schererville, Indiana is the proud recipient of one of the NIPSCO Luminary awards. The Luminary Awards were created to spotlight various organizations who continually demonstrate outstanding community service in five key areas. Tri-Town Safety Village was selected to receive the Luminary award for Emergency Response and Public Safety.

Tri-Town Safety Village Executive Director Bill Jarvis expressed extreme gratitude in being selected for such a prestigious award. "Our mission at Safety Village is to educate children in safety - prevention of fire, pedestrian, bicycle and railroad through 'hands on' experience they can understand and put into action," said Jarvis. "It's truly an honor for NIPSCO to recognize all the hard work Safety Village continues to provide to the community and surrounding areas."

In addition, Tri-Town Safety Village provides gas and electrical safety as well as an 811 call-before-you-dig service in their NIPSCO Safety and Learning Center, generously built with NIPSCO funding.

#### **VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE**

On Wednesday November 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. the Schererville Parks Department, VFW and American Legion join in inviting you to an evening of both remembering and honoring those who have served in our United States Armed Forces.

The ceremony will take place at the St. John Township War Memorial located at 25 E. Joliet Street, which is directly in front of the Schererville Police Station.

#### HONORING FORMER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

At the October 14, 2015 Town Council meeting, many former volunteer firefighters will be recognized for their years of service to the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. The Schererville Fire Department was, at one time, a volunteer department, but has since become a career Fire Department. The Town of Schererville has grown a great deal, most noticeably in recent years, but it is important to remember and honor the service of those who laid the foundation for a department that was started over 100 years ago.

## **LEAF/BRANCH PICKUP INFO**

There are many signs that autumn has arrived, such as football being played Friday through Monday and now even on Thursday. But of course Midwestern folk know the truest indication of autumn is all those green leaves turning red, orange and gold before falling down to be raked into piles and sent away. It's both a fitting way for the summer to end and a frightening foreshadowing of winter. However, seasons change and with that the Public Works Department would like to remind everyone of the leaf pickup schedule and policies.

Fall Leaf Pickup will begin the week of October 12, 2015 on the North side of Route 30 and will continue 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, mirroring the usual branch pickup schedule. This does not include the Briar Ridge subdivision.

Piles of branches/leaves must be in front of your residence by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning of your designated week for pick-up. Place leaves in a narrow pile or row in the grassy area between the sidewalk and the curb. If your area is without curbs, place leaves within 5 feet of the street. DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET. Try to avoid raking leaves into ditches or drainage swales. They need to be within arm's reach of the equipment or they cannot be picked up.

- Branches and leaves need to be in separate piles or they will not be picked up. Also, do not place leaves in cans or plastic/paper bags, only loose leaves will be collected.
- Branches will be on the same schedule as leaves. The route driver will make every attempt to note the addresses where large piles are located to schedule separate pick-ups during the week.
- Some streets will require a flagger

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## HALLOWEEN STORIES AND CAMP FIRE

Both Children and adults are welcome to an evening of spine-chilling tales woven together by the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild around a roaring camp fire. The experience is sure to conjure up the very best and spookiest elements of the most fun-filled "frightful" holiday of them all.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and let the fire warm you on a cool crisp autumn night. Spooky tales around a glowing campfire are sure to get you in the mood for Halloween. The Schererville Parks Department will provide snacks and, in case of the dreaded inclement weather, festivities will be moved indoors at the Schererville Community Center. This is a free event and will take place on Wednesday, October 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the grounds of the Schererville Community Center.



# 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Show

Join the Schererville Parks Department at the Schererville Community Center for the 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will bring shoppers and vendors together, and will showcase unique homemade crafts, seasonal merchandise and more.

Interested vendors should contact the Parks & Rec office at (219) 865-5530 for more information or download an application at www.schererville.org.

# Santa le comine!

As summer slips away into the fall and the winter creeps its way back into our lives, we can take solace in the fact that the holiday season is just around the corner. That means Jolly Old Saint Nick is getting ready to hop back onto his sleigh and bring a smile to the faces of all the little residents.

The Schererville Parks Department and the Chamber of Commerce will host the arrival of Santa Claus on Friday,

November 27, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Schererville Community Center. Children can visit with the big man, bend his ear on a few gifts they might be hoping to find beneath the tree on Christmas morning, and even get a picture with him.

In addition to our special honored guest, there will be a Christkindle Market complete with music and of course delicious holiday treats sugary enough to satisfy any sweet tooth. This is another free event!



## MORNING CALL PROGRAM EYES EXPANSION



Schererville's Police Department is looking to expand its Morning Call Program. This program is staffed entirely with volunteers who reach out to out elderly residents as well as shut-ins every weekday morning. This outreach program is currently accepting applications for anyone interested in volunteering their time, as well as anyone who might qualify for daily check-ins.

Morning Call is a free program available to residents of Schererville.

If you would like to volunteer or know anyone you may like to enroll in the program, please contact corporal Timothy Arvanitis at (219) 322-5000/ext.2324.

#### **LEAF/BRANCH PICKUP INFO**

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because of traffic and no area for the trucks to pull over. The following streets must use this procedure. Main St., Burr St., Kennedy Ave.(From Junction to Main St.), Cline Ave., St. John Rd., U.S. 30, U.S. 41, 77th Ave., Austin Ave. (South of U.S. 30)

- If vehicles are obstructing the piles of leaves or branches, we will not pick them up until your next scheduled pick up week.
- Do not put leaves or branches in front of an empty lot. We will not pick them up!
- We do have a drop off area at Public Works, 540 Kaeser Blvd., Schererville 46375. Schererville residents are more than welcome to bring leaves and branches to the Public Works facility. We are open Mon. thru Fri., 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- From January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 you will need to call the office for a pick up for leaves and branches. There are no scheduled pick ups. Starting April 1 we will resume regular branch pick-up as scheduled. Spring leaf pick-up will start in the month of April.