



The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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December

- 12/9: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board Town Council 7:00pm
- 12/10: Board of Safety 7:00pm
- 12/21: Plan Commission Study Session 6:00
- 12/24: Christmas Eve (Town Hall Closed)
- 12/25: Christmas Day (Town Hall Closed)
- 12/30: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board / Town Council 6:00pm
- 12/31: New Years Eve (Town Hall Closed)

January

- 1/1: New Years Day (Town Hall Closed)
- 1/4: Plan Commission 6:00pm
- 1/6: Park Board 6:00pm
- 1/14: Board of Safety 7:00pm

- 1/18: Plan Commission Study Session, Town Hall Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
- 1/20: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7:00pm
- 1/25: Board of Zoning Appeals 6:00pm

February

- 2/1: Plan Commission 6:00pm
- 2/3: Park Board 6:00pm
- 2/10: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7:00pm

Happy Holidays!

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

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valuable time in responding. Public Works employees are typically not available to undertake this task until after the snow has been plowed from all streets.

- Cul-de-sacs present the Public Works Department with several challenges in clearing them 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. In some cases, cul-de-sacs have virtually no openings between the driveways that allow us to divide the load and lessen the amount of snow that is pushed on each driveway.

Once the main arteries have been plowed and salted, we move to the secondary streets in the subdivisions. These are usually the main entry streets as well as the streets leading into the third tier streets in a subdivision. We finish by completing the third tier streets within the

subdivisions, 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 the snow back to the curb line, is usually not completed until the snow has stopped falling and the main and secondary streets have been completed.

We will continue to spread salt on the main arteries the same as we have in past years. On second and third tier streets we will only be applying salt to the intersections, curves and hills.

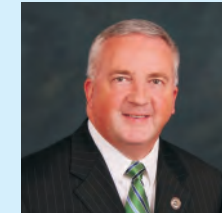
We advise all drivers to use to caution when using the roadways under adverse conditions.



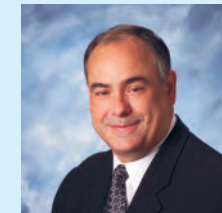
Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



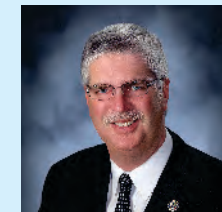
Jerry Tippy, Councilman Ward 1



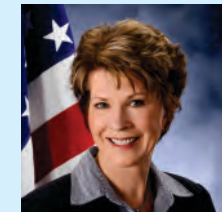
Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



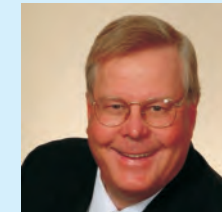
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

DOWNTOWN GETS NEW LOOK WITH FACADE GRANTS

To help rejuvenate our downtown area, the Town Council has adopted an ordinance establishing two funding options for applicants interested in façade improvement grants for commercial buildings located in the downtown corridor. This includes the area along Joliet Street between Roman Road and Austin Avenue.

Schererville is not the first town in the area to institute such a program. Crown Point, Hobart and Lansing have experienced positive results due to their façade grant programs.

Applicants can seek matching grants, the minimum amount being \$500 and the maximum not exceeding \$15,000. The second option is a façade incentive that could provide an amount equal to twenty-five percent of the total cost, the amount

however not exceeding \$50,000. The downtown corridor is in a tax increment financing or TIF district and the town has approved TIF policy guidelines, offering other incentives that businesses or developers can use to aid in financing redevelopment projects.

Recently the Town Council approved a façade renovation grant for Spike's Lakeside Inn 2, located at 21 E. Joliet Street. The grant will provide half the cost of the project that will include a new door, windows, as well as new stucco siding to replace the current siding. Lakeside Inn 2 is the second façade improvement grant to be approved. The first approval went to Larry Titak Photography, for improvements to the south façade of the building, located at 1619 Junction Avenue.

Keep an eye out for more improvements to our beautiful and historic downtown.



Founders' Home Will Serve Historical Society

Although the Town of Schererville has grown substantially in its nearly 150-year existence, there remains a desire to maintain a connection to the past and to celebrate the humble beginnings of a place so many have come to call home. This past August the town purchased the former home of town founder Nicholas Scherer located at 33 Wilhelm Street.

The structure was first built in 1900.

At some point over the years there was an addition put on the back of the house before it was eventually divided into a two-flat home. It is believed that a fire caused significant damage to the first floor at one point and various renovations have been done to the house since Nicholas Scherer pounded down the first nail.

Research is currently under way to find out as much as possible regarding the home's original appearance, including retrieving and

reviewing old photographs which show both the exterior and interior of the original house. The town asks that anyone with any old photos or information that could be used as a point of reference to please share them. There is no specific timeline for the project but, once completed, the house will become the new home for the Schererville Historical Society, currently residing in the basement at Town Hall. The Historical Society is run by volunteers who, once the house is fully restored, will be responsible for leading tours for school groups and organizations interested in getting a glimpse into Schererville's past.



SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

With the winter season approaching, the Public Works Department would like you to take a few minutes to review the information detailed below. This is mutually beneficial information that has value to every resident of the town.

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

Main arteries receive the 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; thus drivers need to keep a minimum following distance of 50 feet to avoid having the salt strike their vehicles.

It's important to know and understand the following:

- 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."
- Do not throw snow from your sidewalks or driveway onto the street. This causes ice patches and creates an unnecessary hazard for traffic using the roadway. This is a general nuisance ordinance violation. Throw snow and ice to the side of the driveway and street. When snowplows are dispatched to re-clean a street, the snow and ice are usually plowed directly back onto the sidewalk or driveway from which it originally came; this usually leads to frustration to both the homeowners and our plow drivers.
- 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 and difficult to find will cost Fire Personnel

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NEWS ABOUT OUR PARKS DEPARTMENT

If you blinked your eyes you might have just missed 2015 racing by. One minute it was a bitter cold morning in February then a rainy afternoon in May, fireworks lit up the sky on that wonderfully warm night in July, then football on Sundays, kids trick-or-treating in the rain and finally family and friends coming together for a magnificent feast in late November. We all know what comes next, if the decorations don't remind you the television will, Christmas time is upon us. 'Tis the season to be jolly and check out some of the fun holiday themed events our Schererville Parks Department is offering by going to www.schererville.org or calling (219) 865-5530.

PET LICENSE DEADLINE

NOTICE: Starting January 4, 2016 the Clerk's office will no longer be handling pet licensing. New pet licenses and renewals will be issued at the Schererville Police Department, 25 East Joliet Street. Office hours are from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Friday. Due to this change, credit cards will no longer be accepted as payment for Pet Licenses – CASH OR CHECK ONLY!



Annual pet licenses are due by March 31st of each year. If you do not license your dog or cat by March 31st you will be charged a \$10 late fee for each pet. In accordance with Ordinance #1549, failure to license your dog or cat may result in fines of \$25 to \$2,500. Be sure to bring records of spaying or neutering when licensing your pet if applicable. Fees are as follows:

- Spayed or neutered dogs and cats: \$5
- Non-spayed or non-neutered dogs: \$20
- Non-spayed or non-neutered cats: \$10

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP AT FERRINI DOG PARK

Memberships for the Ferrini Dog Park run on a calendar year basis, from January 1st-December 31st. Even current members must purchase a new permit each calendar year. Don't forget that proof of vaccinations is required.

- Annual memberships for Schererville Residents: \$60 for 1 dog, and \$15 for each additional dog
- Annual non-resident memberships: \$100 for one dog, \$25 for each additional dog
- Replacement card cost: \$10 if the card is lost or damaged
- Park hours: 8:30a.m. through dusk
- Dogs weighing 26 pounds or more must use the large run area, dogs weighing less than 26 pounds are required to use the small run area.

New Addition to 9/11 Memorial

This past Veterans Day there was a special dedication of a new flagpole that was placed near the Town of Schererville's 9/11 Memorial. This was an Eagle Scout project conceived and spearheaded by Anthony Tugman



of Boy Scout Troop 624. One of the criteria for an Eagle Scout project is that it must have a positive impact on the community. One of the desired effects for this particular project was to draw more attention to the 9/11 Memorial, a striking image in its own right. The addition of the flagpole helps to create an environment for peaceful reflection. Although fourteen years have passed since September 11, 2001, the impact of that day still reverberates through communities all over this country.



Online & Paperless

Need to pay a bill and Town Hall is closed and 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, easier way to store information, and of course the best of all, it gives the ability to pay anytime from anywhere.

Forgetting to pay your water bill is a common mistake, perhaps the easiest bill to slip your mind. Well, no need to worry...If you register for the automatic withdraw program, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from a checking account of your specification on the 24th of every month. It takes the hassle right out of the process, no more check to write, no need to call and pay over the phone, and best of all, no rushing to Town Hall to pay.

You will still receive your water bill as usual so you know what your monthly bill is. It will be marked with the following: Direct withdrawal - do not send payment. Most importantly, your bank information will be securely maintained.