



# The Schererville Crossroads



## What's Happening in Town

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### AUGUST

- 11 Northwest Indiana Symphony, Redar Park 7:30-9 p.m.
- 18 Touch-A-Truck, Redar Park 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 24 Evening Under the Stars, Schererville Community Center 7-9:30 p.m.
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Town Hall Closed - Labor Day
- 5 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety 7 p.m.

- 10 Plan Commission Public Meeting 6 p.m.
- 12 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 15 Country-A-Fair, Redar Park 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.
- 29 Family Health and Fitness Fair, Schererville Community Center 9 a.m. - Noon

### OCTOBER

- 1 Plan Commission Public Meeting 6 p.m.
- 3 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.

## Fire Department adds EMS equipment for ambulances

New emergency medical service equipment worth about \$250,000 is now available on the Schererville Fire Department ambulances.

"We have three new Stryker power cots and three loaders for the cots that are battery-operated, one for each of our three ambulances," said Fire Chief Robert Patterson.

"The older style cots had to be lifted manually by hand," Patterson said. "Now with the push of a button, the cot goes up and sets into the new loader and is easily pushed into the ambulance. That helps prevent back injuries for our EMT's and paramedics."

Four Physio LifePak cardiac monitors have also been added to the emergency response equipment. The Physio LifePak can provide defibrillation to help restart a patient's heart during a cardiac episode. Three of the cardiac monitors are in the department's three ambulances and one is part of the equipment in the ALS (advanced life support) engine, the chief said.

"We have also added the LUCAS chest compression devices," Patterson said. "This frees up our staffs' hands so they can complete other important duties for patients in cardiac arrest."

The LUCAS device is a device that provides uninterrupted chest compressions. This improves CPR effectiveness by delivering more consistent CPR quality and fewer interruptions in chest compressions. Better quality CPR means greater blood flow to the vital organs. This contributes to increase survival rates in the system of care. The LUCAS device allows the fire department to work more efficiently without having to compromise our crews' safety.

These additions "are wonderful and I would like to thank Deputy Chief David Meyer for working on the replacement of all this equipment," Patterson said.



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## Dennis Zagrocki promoted to Police Chief



(Rob Earnshaw / Post-Tribune)

In July, the Schererville Town Council unanimously appointed Dennis J. Zagrocki as Chief of Police. He replaces David A. Dowling, who retired in February to campaign for the Democratic nomination for county sheriff this past spring.

A 1972 graduate of Bishop Noll High School, Zagrocki received his associate degree in criminal justice at St. Joseph College in East Chicago. He began his career in law enforcement in 1977 as an officer with the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Police Department. Then in January 1979, he joined the Schererville Police Department as a patrolman.

During his nearly 40 years with the Schererville Police Department, Zagrocki has served in many capacities including in the patrol and investigative divisions as

well as being the evidence manager. He was appointed Acting Chief from June 1989 to January 1, 1990 and served as Chief of Police from January 1, 1990 through January 13, 1992. Zagrocki also served as Deputy Chief from January 2005 through September 2008 and January 2012 through February 2018 at which time he was appointed as Interim Police Chief when Dowling retired.

"This job is not new to Dennis," said Schererville Town Council President Rob Guetzloff at the July meeting. "Dennis has been in every division and brings 40 years of experience to the table."

Zagrocki named Sgt. Joe Gasiorek as Deputy Chief. Gasiorek has served as the department's K-9 unit supervisor.

## Full-time firefighter hired

The Schererville Fire Department has hired John Rosenfeldt as a full-time firefighter/paramedic. A Crown Point resident, the 24-year old started with the department in January 2017 as a part-time firefighter/EMT, said Fire Chief Robert Patterson.

"He received his paramedic license in January 2018," Patterson said, adding that Rosenfeldt becomes the newest full-time staff



member. "With the hiring of John Rosenfeldt this brings our staffing to 16 full-time firefighters. The town has given us permission to hire two more full-timers to bring our staff up to 18 career members."

The Schererville Fire Department has a total of 66 employees. All are either full-time or part-time employees of the town. All members must go through the same hiring procedure to work for the Schererville Fire Department. Almost all part-time employees work full-

time for other area departments.



## Plum Creek Park now features upgraded playground equipment

Upgraded handicapped-accessible playground equipment is now ready for use at Plum Creek Park, located at 300 Plum Creek Dr.

"This project was much-needed," said John Novacich, Superintendent of the Schererville Parks & Recreation Department. "This is a larger play structure in the same basic area as the old playground. Plus the area now has a poured-in place rubber playground surface. Previously, the surface consisted of wood chips."

The park project also included drainage work and a new path to the playground

equipment "that is an accessible route for those with disabilities," Novacich said.

Highland-based Grimmer Construction was the contractor for the upgrade, which cost \$171,152. "It was funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$122,290 that paid for more than two-thirds of the cost," he noted.

Plum Creek Park sits on eight acres of land with a half-mile of paved trail. In addition to the playground, other features at the park include two tennis courts, a softball field, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a soccer field, a shelter and restrooms.



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**SATURDAY, AUG. 11, 7:30 – 9 PM**

**REDAR PARK**

The Town of Schererville is proud to present a summer concert performed by the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. Join us at Redar Park for a great evening of music. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for this unforgettable event!



*In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Lake Central High School auditorium, 8400 Wicker Ave., St. John.*

### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

**SATURDAY, AUG. 18, 11 AM – 2 PM • REDAR PARK**

Has your child ever seen a fire truck, a semi-truck or a front-end loader up close? This is your chance to bring your children to our Touch-A-Truck event where they will have the opportunity to touch, see inside and maybe even climb through various "big" trucks. There'll also be food vendors, craft vendors and a bounce house to make it a fun family outing! THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

### EVENING UNDER THE STARS

**FRIDAY, AUG. 24, 7-9:30 PM**

**SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Join us for an enchanted evening of Big Band and swing music under the stars. The band *Bopology* boasts a lineup of talent from Chicago performing stylish swing and "Rat Pack" music. There will be limited seating so bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

### JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING TRIPS:

**CUBS VS. SOX CROSSTOWN CLASSIC**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 21**

Calling all Cubs & Sox fans! The rivalry continues at Guarantee Rate Field! Register now at Town Hall for this game that begins at 3:15 p.m. We have room for a maximum of 54 people. The cost is \$99 for residents and \$109 for non-residents and includes round-trip bus transportation. We'll depart from Rohrman Park at 1 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

### FESTIVAL OF THE VINE • SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

Taste autumn's bounty in downtown Geneva while enjoying the flower market, arts & crafts show and live

musical entertainment. Sip wines from around the world and sample mouth-watering international specialties prepared by Geneva restaurateurs. Participants must be ages 21 and older, and there's a minimum of 34 and a maximum of 54 for this trip. The fee of \$30 for residents and \$33 for non-residents includes round-trip coach bus transportation. We'll depart Rohrman Park at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.

### DAS DUTCHMAN ESSENHAUS, CRUISE-IN-FINALE • THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

Join Schererville Parks as we embark on a journey to Amish Country in Middlebury, Indiana. This new trip offers fun for all ages. Shop the unique village stores, play mini-golf, explore the Classic Car Cruise-In Finale with more than 400 classic autos on display and expand your waistline at the buffet where all-you-can-eat ribs are offered on Thursdays. Tickets cost \$30 for residents and \$33 for non-residents and include round-trip coach bus fare *only*. There are a minimum of 37 and a maximum of 54 seats available. We'll depart Rohrman Park at 1 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

### SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN • FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

Join us for a trip to beautiful Saugatuck, Michigan, where you can enjoy shopping and exploring art galleries and antique shops. Walk along the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan. There's a minimum of 35 and a maximum of 54 spots for this trip. The fee of \$30 for residents and \$33 for non-residents includes round-trip bus transportation. We'll leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.

Save These Dates!

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 15** – Country-A-Fair at Redar Park

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 29** – Family Fitness Fair at Schererville Community Center

**SATURDAY, OCT. 20** – CSRI Halloween Party, Schererville Community Center

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24** – Halloween Stories & Campfire, Schererville Community Center

**SATURDAY, NOV. 3** – Holiday Craft Show, Schererville Community Center

**FRIDAY, NOV. 23** – Santa Saves Schererville, Schererville Community Center

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1** – Breakfast with Santa, Schererville Community Center