



The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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OCTOBER

- 10 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 20 CSRI Halloween Party, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.
- 24 Halloween Stories & Campfire, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 24 Special Town Council meeting 6 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Trick/Treat Hours 5-7 p.m.

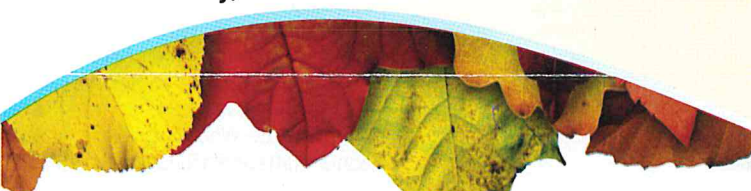
- 7 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day Remembrance, Schererville Police Dept. Veteran's Memorial, 6-8 p.m.
- 12 Veteran's Day, Town Hall closed
- 14 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday, Town Hall closed
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- 23 Santa Is Coming to Town, Schererville Community Center, 4-7 p.m.
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 2 Holiday Craft Show, Schererville Community Center, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 5 Plan Commission Public Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Election Day, Town Hall closed

DECEMBER

- 1 Breakfast With Santa, Schererville Community Center, 9 a.m. - Noon
- 3 Plan Commission Public Meeting 6 p.m.
- 5 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Board of Safety Study Session 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.



Public Works slates fall leaf pickup

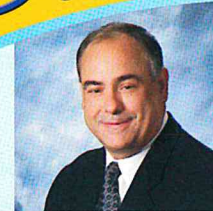
Autumn brings falling leaves, and this year the town will begin leaf pickup on the north side of U.S. 30 the week of Oct. 16. Leaf pickup will alternate between the north and south sides of U.S. 30 on a weekly basis. The week of Thanksgiving is reserved for special pickups, with leaf collection resuming north of U.S. 30 during the week of Nov. 26. Fall leaf collection will continue into December until weather forecasts indicate the Public Works trucks must be readied for snow removal and icy conditions.

You can find a printable calendar online at Schererville.org by clicking on the Town Government link and selecting Public Works. To ensure your leaves are picked up, please

place them in a narrow pile (away from branches) in the parkway or grassy area between the sidewalk and curb by 7 a.m. on the Monday morning of your designated week. Please avoid parking any vehicles in front of the leaf piles.

To avoid an ordinance violation and to prevent flooding caused by blockage of storm drains don't put leaves in the street. If there is no curb, please place leaves within 5 feet of the street so that Public Works' equipment can reach them. And always make certain the leaves are free of other debris.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.



Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



David DeJong, Councilman Ward 1



Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson
Judge, Schererville Town Court

Town Council honors teen for work on new 9-11 Memorial sign



During their Sept. 12 meeting, members of the Schererville Town Council honored 14-year old Ben Schmitt with a certificate of recognition for his work on the new 9-11 Memorial sign on the Police Department grounds at 25 Joliet St. Ben's proud parents, Schererville residents Lynn and Todd Schmitt, joined in honoring their son at that meeting.



Ben, a freshman at Lake Central High School and Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 532 of Schererville, said he chose the project as part of achieving his Eagle Scout rank. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America.

"About a year ago I was to the point when I was looking for a service project," he said about one of the requirements for earning

Eagle Scout rank. "I wanted to do something for the town."

That opportunity came after Ben talked with now-retired Schererville Fire Chief Joseph Kruzan.



"Mr. Kruzan said too many people drive by the 9-11 memorial and don't realize what it is. He mentioned a sign, and I looked into it," Ben said.

That project included installation of the sign and landscaping blocks in addition to mulch and flowers. About 20 scouts and five adults from Troop 532 worked during the weekend of Aug. 17-18 to complete the work while Ben supervised.

"I was not allowed to do the physical work," Ben said about the Eagle Scout rules. "This was the first project I've headed up."

The teen said he should be awarded Eagle Scout rank in early October.

After completing high school, Ben said he plans to attend college. "I want to go to the Naval Academy and serve in the military or pursue a career in law enforcement," he said.

Schererville launches two new public safety programs

Emergencies require rapid communication. The Town of Schererville recently launched two new public safety programs to provide emergency communication – Text-to-911 and the CodeRED Community Mass Notification System.

Residents can now text “911” on their cell phones and be connected with a 911 dispatcher in an emergency. Although speaking directly to a 911 dispatcher is always the best and fastest way to get help or report a crime in progress, there are times when you can't call. That's when “Text-to-911” can make a difference. This new feature also benefits the hearing impaired, said Dan Gin, IT Director.

CodeRED is an alert system designed to inform the public of emergency situations such as boil water alerts,

hazardous traffic conditions, water main breaks, missing child reports and other emergency situations. These alerts will arrive as calls, text messages and emails. Many residents and businesses in town are automatically enrolled for emergency notifications.

Gin said the CodeRED system can also provide general notification alerts regarding upcoming town events such as festivals or Parks Department programs. These alerts will take the form of calls, text messages and/or emails. To ensure that you will receive notifications, or create an account with your preferred notification type, visit www.schererville.org/codered and follow the “opt-in” instructions.

“If you know someone who does not have access to the internet and is interested in signing up, please direct them to the Town Hall where they can fill in an opt-in form,” Gin said. “Opt-out forms are also available for those wishing to end communications.”



Early voting for November election set at Town Hall

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Those who want to vote before Election Day can cast their ballots at Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St., beginning Oct. 10 and continuing on specific days and times through early November.

The polls will be open on the following days and times, according to the Lake County Board of Elections:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays – Oct. 10 – Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Thursdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Saturdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- The final Monday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. – Noon



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Schererville parks & recreation

Schererville Parks Department debuts NEW Registration Software

You've asked, we've listened!

On Oct. 1, Schererville Parks released its new registration software on www.schererville.org. Those who want to register for parks programs, camps, dances, breakfasts and more now have a simpler, easier way to do so.

To sign up for a program, go to www.schererville.org, select the “How Do I” tab and scroll down to the “Register for a Program” tab. This will direct you to our registration catalogue which will display all the

available trips, programs, camps, classes, dances, etc. Once you have found what program you'd like to sign up for, create a profile. A profile is required to register online. This profile will be your gateway to sign up online for future parks programs. Current registrations on activenwi.com will be transferred to the new program.

If you have any questions or need assistance in creating a profile, please reach out to the Parks Department at (219) 865-5530 ext 6102.

SUPERHERO BREAKFAST SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 9 AM TO NOON SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Having breakfast is essential to a productive day. It's even more important to Superheroes who need that energy to Save the World! Youngsters can dress up and enjoy a SUPER breakfast catered by The Patrician while their favorite heroes make the rounds. There'll also be a free craft project, a balloon artist, costume contest and more!

The cost for those ages 11 and younger is \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. For ages 12 and older (including adults), the cost is \$13 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Everyone attending this event, parents included, must purchase a ticket. No transfers allowed from one breakfast to the other. Sign up at www.schererville.org

SCARES 'N' SCAPES SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 1-3 PM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Feeling scared? DON'T BE!! This Family Painting Party will be a delight for all Halloween fans. All little ghouls, goblins, witches and warlocks can join us for this wickedly magical painting class with instructor Chris Hnatusko. All materials will be provided, and each participant can enjoy a Halloween caramel apple. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

CSRI HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 4-6 PM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Wear your costume and decorate your own pumpkin for an evening of Halloween fun. Participants and family members will enjoy Halloween games, crafts, music and entertainment. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Do you have what it takes to be the most frightening house in town? Enter Schererville's first-ever Halloween House Decorating Contest by the deadline of Monday, Oct. 22. Schererville residents can register at Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St. with an entrance fee of \$5. On Oct. 23, Schererville Parks Department personnel will visit each registered house from 6 to 9 p.m., taking photos and videos to document your hard work.

We will use the People's Choice Award system to determine winners. Voting will take place on Facebook or in person at the Schererville Community Center from Oct. 24 through Oct. 31. We'll announce the winners on Nov. 1 through social media and published by local

media. Winners will receive a Town of Schererville Prize Package.

NIGHTMARE BEFORE HALLOWEEN THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 6-9 PM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Join the Schererville Parks to kick off your Halloween festivities. This is the 25th anniversary of the Tim Burton film “The Nightmare Before Christmas,” so let's PARTY! This shindig will have pumpkin painting, costume contests, a sweet treat bar, Halloween scavenger hunt and a FREE MOVIE on the big screen. This is a pre-registered event with a limit of 200 participants. All attendees must purchase a ticket.

The Nightmare Package – including a personal pumpkin to paint, the sweet bar, costume contest entry and Halloween scavenger hunt – costs \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. The Dream Package, which includes the sweet bar only, costs \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING TRIPS:

COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL • FRIDAY, OCT. 12 – We will visit the Covered Bridge Festival in Rockville and Mansfield, Indiana, where we'll enjoy all the fall colors, crafts, antiques, a flea market, food and much more. *This activity requires lots of walking.* The trip includes round-trip bus transportation. We'll depart at 7 a.m. from Rohrman Park and return at 7 p.m. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$38 for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN CONCERT •

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 – It's definitely Halloween so celebrate it with us during the Disney in Concert: Nightmare Before Christmas Bus Trip. We'll enjoy a very special screening of this beloved movie with a concert performance by the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra and residents of Halloweentown at the Auditorium Theater in Chicago. Registration includes round-trip bus transportation and a ticket to the concert that begins at 7:30 p.m. We'll depart from Rohrman Park at 5:30 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. The cost is \$48 for residents and \$52 for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

FOUR WINDS CASINO (NEW BUFFALO) • THURSDAY, NOV. 15 – Register by Nov. 5 for this trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan. We'll leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. In addition to round-trip bus transportation, each participant will receive a

\$10 food voucher and \$15 for slot play. A valid government-issued photo ID is required the day of the trip. Tickets are non-transferrable. The cost is \$25 for residents and \$27 for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 9 AM TO 3 PM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Holiday Craft Show is BACK! Last year more than 125 crafters and 1,000-plus people shopped their hearts out at this event at Schererville Community Center, 500 Joliet St. This year Schererville Parks Department knows you want more crafters, more shopping and more food, so we've added food trucks and are calling all crafters who want to join the show! This popular event will also include craft raffles, a balloon artist, face painting and more!

Crafters interested in being part of the Holiday Craft Show, please email us at barnes@Schererville.org.

SANTA SAVES SCHERERVILLE FRIDAY, NOV. 23, 4-7 PM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Grinch is back to his old shenanigans. This time he's taken Schererville captive!! Join Schererville Parks and witness the excitement as Santa saves Schererville from the nasty Mr. Grinch. Enjoy the thrill of the Grinch riding in on a garbage truck and Santa on a fire truck. Other festivities will include the Who Ville village market, pictures with Santa, crafts and holiday treats. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 9 AM SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Children and parents will enjoy holiday music and a full breakfast catered by The Patrician. There will be plenty of photo opportunities as children sit with Santa and give him their wish lists. Children will also be able to make reindeer food to leave out for the reindeer on Christmas Eve; be entertained with holiday trivia throughout the event and be treated to a hot cocoa bar.

Nov. 21 is the deadline to register & NO tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open at 9 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult with a ticket. There is a maximum of 225 participants. The cost for those ages 11 and younger is \$9 for residents and \$9 + 10% for non-residents. For ages 12 and older (including adults), the cost is \$14 for residents and \$14 + 10% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.