



# The Schererville Crossroads



## What's Happening in Town

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### FEBRUARY

- 11 Roses "N" Moonlight Painting Class, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 13 Valentine Cooking Class (Ages 4-6), Schererville Community Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 14 Valentine Cooking Class (Ages 7-11), Schererville Community Center, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 21 Health & Wellness Fair, Schererville Community Center, 3-6 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

### MARCH

- 4 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.

- 7 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 18 Couples "N" Canvases Painting Class, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

### APRIL

- 1 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.
- 3 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 10 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 13 Spring Fever Craft Show, Schererville Community Center, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday, Town Hall closed
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

In addition to this auto-withdrawal program, Schererville offers a monthly recurring charge to a credit or debit card as a payment method. However, a recurring charge to a credit/debit card has the same \$2.95 charge as a one-time payment. To choose this method of payment, go to <http://www.invoicecloud.com/scherervillein>.

### New Town Hall hours

Schererville Town Hall at 10 E. Joliet St. provides easy access to various departments including the Clerk-Treasurer's office and the Planning and Building Department for residents, visitors and business owners. Our new hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We've eliminated the old Wednesday hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Go Paperless Today!



Paying your utility bills can be easier when you go paperless. As of December 2018, more than 3,000 customers used auto-withdrawal from a checking account to pay their water bills – almost 25 percent of our regular monthly customers. "And we'd like to see that number increase," noted the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

We encourage anyone who is charged convenience fees or who may forget to pay the bill to sign up for our free auto-withdrawal program from a checking account. Just go to [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org) and follow the steps in the "How Do I – Pay My Water Bill" section to sign up. Or you can stop by our office at 10 E. Joliet St. during our new office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday to sign up.



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



David DeJong, Councilman Ward 1



Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

## New Director of Operations a familiar face

Schererville continues to grow with new subdivisions and businesses. To help direct that growth, the Town Council recently promoted Jim Gorman, a 25-year employee of the town's Wastewater Department, as Director of Operations.



"There was a Director of Operations position 12 years ago, but then due to budgetary restraints, the position was eliminated," said Gorman, who has served as Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant since 2008.

"A lot has been happening in town in recent years, and I will be helping Town Manager Bob Volkmann to continue to do things quickly and efficiently in the administration and building and planning departments," said the 53-year old who now has an office at Town Hall. "I am shadowing Bob, learning all about the administrative aspects of the town."

His experience with multiple construction projects during his time at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will "help with this next adventure," Gorman said, adding that he started with the wastewater treatment plant as a second-shift operator in 1993. Rising through the ranks, he served as Chief of Operations for 10 years before being promoted to the Superintendent's position.

Among the estimated \$25 million in projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Gorman oversaw four projects that included upgrading the main sewage pump station as well as building and

upgrading two digesters that further process the sludge. Another project Gorman supervised was upgrading the ultraviolet disinfection facility that disinfects processed wastewater before it is discharged into the Schererville ditch. And in 2017, he led projects to build two secondary clarifiers and a pump station.

"With all the construction going on in town, we needed to build more tanks," Gorman said. "All of St. John's sewage comes to Schererville, and St. John is also seeing a lot of growth."

Gorman and his wife, Sue, have lived in Schererville for the last 20 years and are the parents of three sons – Alex, 23; Jacob, 20 and Andrew, 16.

Before leaving the Wastewater Treatment Plant Gorman was able to recommend his replacement.

"T.J. Kmiatek started the same day I did in 1993 and has been the Lab Supervisor since 2000. He is now Superintendent," Gorman said. "Erin Barber has now taken over T.J.'s position as Lab Supervisor. She's a long-time employee, too."

Town Hall has been a familiar part of Gorman's tenure with Schererville.

"I attended department head meetings here for the last 10 years," he said. "It's great being here because I know so many of the people already."

Residents, businesses encouraged to sign up for

**CodeRED™** alert system

Emergencies require rapid communication, and the Town of Schererville encourages residents and businesses to sign up for the CodeRED Community Mass Notification System.

Launched last fall, CodeRED informs the public of emergencies such as boil water alerts, hazardous traffic conditions, water main leaks, missing child reports and other situations, according to Dan Gin, IT Director. These alerts arrive as calls, text messages and emails. Many residents and businesses are automatically enrolled for emergency notifications.

In addition, the CodeRED system can provide general notification alerts about town events such as festivals or Parks Department programs. These alerts also take the

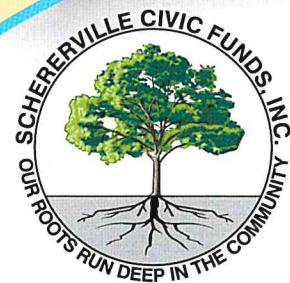
form of calls, text messages and/or emails. To ensure that you will receive notifications, or to create an account with your preferred method of notification, visit [www.schererville.org/codered](http://www.schererville.org/codered) and follow the "opt-in" instructions.

CodeRED allows residents to adjust the account settings at any time. If you would like to opt-out of the service, please contact us so we can add you to a **Do Not Call List**.

If you would like to be added to our **Do Not Call List**, please visit or call the Schererville Town Hall.

We will need your first and last name and the phone number receiving the calls.

If you enrolled online and chose to receive texts and emails, please let us know the number of the cell phone receiving texts and the email address so that those can be added as well.



**Schererville  
Civic Funds, Inc.**

*Helping residents since 1956*

For thousands of town residents, the Schererville Civic Funds has provided much-needed assistance since its debut in 1956.

"We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created to help Schererville residents. We help hundreds every year," said Tom Anderson, president of the 18-member all volunteer board of directors. That help comes in many forms including providing financial assistance paying NIPSCO and water bills as well as rent payments, he said.

"We also give out food certificates for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we work with the St. John Township Trustee's office to connect people with the help they need," Anderson said.

Another Civic Funds program "loans out medical equipment such as hospital beds, wheelchairs and walkers," he noted.

"We also do educational grants for high school seniors to help them attend college. They are usually from single-parent families," Anderson said. "They get good grades, but don't have the money to go to college."

The Schererville Civic Funds continues its mission thanks to contributions from residents and businesses, he said. "Ninety-seven cents of every dollar goes back to help those in need. We not only give those in need resources, we give them hope."

For more information about donating or requesting assistance, call (219) 322-1020 or log on to the organization's website at [www.scherervillecivalfunds.org](http://www.scherervillecivalfunds.org). Donations can be sent to the Schererville Civic Funds at P.O. Box 5, Schererville, IN 46375. All donations are tax-deductible.



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**scherrerville parks & recreation**

**ROSES "N" MOONLIGHT PAINTING CLASS**  
(FOR AGES 18 & OLDER)  
MONDAY, FEB. 11, 6-8 P.M.

SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Looking to do something special with that special someone? Our Roses "N" Moonlight Adults Painting Class with instructor Christine Hnatusko is the perfect date night under "the moonlight." And this painting glows in the dark! Romantic desserts will be available for all participants. All materials are provided with your fee of \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

**VALENTINE COOKING CLASSES**  
(AGES 4-6 & 7-11)

SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
**LOVE SESSION FOR AGES 4-6,**  
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 3:30-4:30 P.M.  
**HUG SESSION FOR AGES 7-11,**  
THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Love is in the air, and it's the perfect time to have your youngsters learn to bake special treats for the occasion! There's a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 for each cooking class. The cost is \$16 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

**HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 3-6 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
February is American Heart Month, so take care of yours and join us for an afternoon of valuable information and demonstrations that are good for you! There will be resource booths, screenings, talks, massages, stress relief techniques, healthy cooking demos and heart-healthy refreshments. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

\*\* Interested vendors should contact the Parks office at (219) 865-5530, ext. 6103.

**FOUR WINDS CASINO**

THURSDAY, FEB. 28  
Join us as we travel to the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan. Each participant will

receive a \$10 food voucher and \$15 for slot play. We'll also provide round-trip coach transportation. A valid government-issued picture ID is required the day of the trip. There's a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 54 seats available. The cost is \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents. We'll depart Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 18. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

**GET YOUR TICKETS STARTING MARCH 1 FOR THESE EXCITING TRIPS:**

SATURDAY, MAY 4 – Trip to the Holland Tulip Festival  
THURSDAY, MAY 9 – Trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan  
THURSDAY, MAY 23 – Trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden

Check out [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org) for ticket info!

**CHICAGO BULLS VS. DETROIT PISTONS**

FRIDAY, MARCH 8  
IT'S GAME TIME! Join Schererville Parks as we travel to the United Center to cheer on the Chicago Bulls. Our seats are in Section 300 level green. We have room for a maximum of 54 people. The cost is \$78 for residents/+10% for non-residents and includes round-trip bus transportation. We'll depart from Rohrman Park at 5 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

**COUPLES "N" CANVASES PAINTING CLASS**

(FOR AGES 18 & OLDER)  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 6-8 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Spring is definitely in the air and April showers are drawing near. Celebrate the end of winter with this beautiful couple walking among the spring flowers. Instructor Christine Hnatusko provides the inspiration for your painting experience. Delicious rainy day delights are available for all participants. In addition, all

materials are provided with your fee of \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

**SPRING FEVER CRAFT SHOW**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Say "goodbye" to winter and hello to SPRING SHOPPING! Grab your friends and family and joins us at our annual Spring Fever Craft Show. Here you'll find more than 100 crafters in addition to food trucks, free raffles, a balloon artist and a face painter. ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!  
\*\* Interested crafters can email us at [jbarnes@scherrerville.org](mailto:jbarnes@scherrerville.org) for more information.

**CINCO DE MAYO PARTY IN THE PARK**

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 5-10 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
It's time to get your dancing shoes on and join us for Cinco de Mayo Party in the Park. Sombreros, maracas, piñatas – they'll all be there! This spring event will bring your family and friends together to enjoy music by a live band, food trucks, a beer & wine garden, crafters, a balloon artist, a face painter and more!

\*\* Interested vendors can contact the Parks Department at [jbarnes@scherrerville.org](mailto:jbarnes@scherrerville.org)

**CUBS "N" CANVASES PAINTING CLASS**

(FOR AGES 18 & OLDER)  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 6-8 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Are you a Cubs fan? How about a painting fan? Get your team spirit on with this class taught by Christine Hnatusko. This all-star program will help you create your own Cubs canvas and chow down on famous baseballs treats! All the materials and food will be provided with your fee of \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Register at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org).

