



# The Schererville Crossroads



## What's Happening in Town

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### June

- 7 2016 Pop Warner Football/Flag Football sign-ups 5-7pm Tri-Town Football Facility, 1200 Kennedy Ave.
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- 18 25th Annual Schererville Parade 5:00pm, Celebrate Schererville Festival 4:00-10:30pm
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- 20 Plan Commission Study 6pm
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals 7pm

### July

- 1 Fireworks at dusk Rohrman Park
- 4 Plan Commission Study Session 6pm
- 6 Park Board 6pm
- 13 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7pm
- 14 Board of Safety 7pm
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### August

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special live performance by the band Spoken Four, who's lead singer Natalie Yacovazzi was recently on The Voice. Spoken Four is known for their fantastic covers of songs from the 40's and 50's. There will be more vendors included this year, anyone interested should contact [marketing@schererville.org](mailto:marketing@schererville.org). Concessions will be available per the Schererville Lions, and don't forget to support the Schererville Parks Department by purchasing your light-up souvenirs at the park. Come out, find a good spot and enjoy the show. In case of the dreaded inclement weather the fireworks will be moved to Sunday July 3rd.



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

## CELEBRATE OUR TOWN

While the State of Indiana will mark its bicentennial this year, the Town of Schererville will be celebrating its sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary.

The town has come a long way, from the small farming community Nicholas Scherer established to the vibrant suburb its residents have come to know. The town along with the Parks and Recreation department will be providing several opportunities to celebrate this momentous occasion via an amplified festival as well as a parade and, of course, a fireworks display in July when we all celebrate yet another important day in the history of this country at its crossroads where we live. All of this will culminate with a massive birthday celebration for the town in September. But, before we get to the fall, let's make sure to enjoy the summer...

### The Festival

It's finally that time of year, the windows are open, the trees have come back to life and sunglasses and sunscreen have replaced heavy coats and water resistant boots. It's summertime in the town of Schererville, and this year happens to be a very special summer. Every year the Celebrate Schererville Festival takes place in mid-June in Redar Park. This year the Town's 150th anniversary adds one more giant reason to come out and celebrate. There will be rides, games, food booths with everyone's favorites, Bingo, and the favorite beer garden. Expect some of Northwest Indiana's most popular live entertainment such as: The Fresh Hops, Final Say, Mr. Funnyman, Chris and Lou, The Unstoppables, The Kritters and The Crawpuppies. So, keep your calendar clear for June 15th-19th and come Celebrate Schererville.

### The Parade

The Schererville Parks Department and the Town of Schererville are proud to bring you the 25th Annual Celebrate Schererville



Parade on Saturday June 18th at 5:00 p.m.

This year "Celebrating 150 Years" is the theme. As part of that, we are asking participants to #Scherer their past and present Schererville fondest memories and incorporate the 150th birthday theme into their floats. Everyone is invited to join in this time-honored event; businesses, schools, churches, or organizations wanting to participate in the parade must have an application in no later than 12 PM on June 15. Entries can be obtained at the Schererville Clerk Treasurer's Office, Schererville Community Center, or downloaded from the link at [www.schererville.org/celebrate-schererville-parade/](http://www.schererville.org/celebrate-schererville-parade/)

Awards will be presented to the entries that best depict the parade theme and personify Schererville's history. The parade route will begin at Roman Rd. and Joliet St. along Austin Ave. ending at Redar Park. All residents are invited to join us in this time-honored event.

### Fireworks

When you think of summer you think of warm weather, the beach, no school, barbecues, longer days, and fireworks lighting up the night sky before trickling down into the dark like falling stars. The tradition continues this year on July 1st at Rohrman Park. This year will be extra special. There will be an extensive pallet of colors exploding before your very eyes due to a larger fireworks display, as well as a very

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## Reminders to Pet Owners

Animal Control would like to remind all pet owners to never leave a pet in an unattended parked car for any period of time. On a warm day, the temperature in a car can quickly exceed 120 degrees. The rise in temperature takes but a matter of minutes, even with the windows partially open. Under the high temperature circumstance, the animal is at risk of brain damage, heatstroke or suffocation.

If your pet is exposed to high temperatures, here are some helpful tips from the Humane Society:

Recognize the problem: Signs of heat stress include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet is overheated, move him to a cooler area and take these emergency steps:

- Gradually lower his body temperature by applying cool (not cold) water all over his body or soaking him in a cool bath.
- Place cool, wet towels over the back of the neck, in the armpits, and in the groin area. You may also wet the earflaps and paws with cool water. Direct a fan toward the wet areas to speed evaporative cooling.

- You may offer fresh, cool water if your dog is alert and wants to drink. Do not force your pet to drink.

- Take your pet immediately to a veterinarian-it could save his life. Call ahead, if possible, to be sure your veterinarian is available.

If you see an animal in a car exhibiting signs of heat stress, call your local animal care and control agency or police department immediately and take the following steps:

- Get the vehicle tag number and enter the nearest store or business to request an emergency announcement be made about a pet left in a hot car.
- Go back and wait for police at the vehicle. Heat stress is not the only danger your pet faces when left alone in a car.

Many pets are stolen each year from unattended cars. Many pets prefer to stay home, but if you must take your pet with you in your car, do so safely. Cats should ride in pet carriers, and dogs should ride in travel crates or wear a safety harness. When a pet travels, he should wear two ID tags-one with a home address and one with a destination address. For more information about responsible pet care, contact The HSUS at 202.452.1100 or check [humanesociety.org/pets](http://humanesociety.org/pets).

Finally, we have many cats and dogs available for adoption at the Schererville Animal Control & Shelter. Our adoption fee is \$65 and that includes spay/neuter, FELV/FIV test, heartworm test, vaccinations, and a microchip. Call 219-865-6992 or check out the SAC&S Facebook page for more information.

## Corrections on Collections

Since our last report, we have important updates on branch and leaf collections. Branch collection begins the first full week of April on the north side of US 30 and continues through the year until snow starts falling, usually in mid-December. Each week, the route alternates from North to South with US 30 being the dividing line. A helpful calendar can be found on the Town's website: [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org)

Friday of each week, we concentrate on the streets that require flaggers. These are the main streets where traffic counts and speed limits require extra personnel to assure the safety of the work crews. Residents that live on a flagger street should call the office when they have placed a pile of branches along the roadway for pick-up. Flagger streets are as follows: Main St., Burr St., Kennedy Ave. (from Junction to Main), Junction Ave. (from Kennedy to Joliet) Joliet St. (east of Austin Ave.), Cline Ave., St. John Rd., US 30, US 41, 77th Ave. and Austin Ave. (south of US 30).

Residences that have frontage on two streets should place branches on the low volume street.

Leaf and Branch pickup is for Schererville residents that have trash service included in their utility bill. To be assured pick-up, please have your branches in front of your residence by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning of your designated week. The Public Works Department will go through each neighborhood only once. **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES AND BRANCHES IN THE STREET** as this may cause flooding by plugging the storm water inlets. Avoid placing leaves and branches in ditches and drainage swales. Again, this contributes to flooding issues should they wash downstream. Place branches in the parkway (grassy area) between the sidewalk and street within 5 feet of the street. If you do not have a parkway, place them behind the sidewalk or alongside of the roadway.

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## FARM TO TABLE

On May 22nd, the Town of Schererville and the Schererville Parks and Recreation Department kicked off the town's 150th birthday celebration with the first "Farm To Table" event. The event was also a preview to the newly rebranded and expanded farmers markets. Menu items and decoration pieces were donated by local farmers, vendors, breweries, and wineries that will be attending the market. This event was a great way to begin our celebration. A special thanks go to all local businesses who supported this event and to all attendees who made it a big success. "This is just the beginning of many great events that are taking place throughout the summer, ending with our 150th Birthday Celebration on September 10th," said Monica Jimenez-Susoreny, President of JumpStartPR. Follow Schererville Farmers Market and Schererville Parks and Recreation on Facebook, or check [www.Schererville.org](http://www.Schererville.org) to learn more about what our town is planning for its 150th birthday celebration.



## Summer Rate Discounts

From the time your water meter is read in the beginning of May through the time it is read in the beginning of September, residents receive a discount on their sewer rate known as Summer Sewer Rates. During these summer months your sewer rate is based on your average water usage from the winter months of January, February and March or your actual consumption if lower than the average. I.e. your average water use is 4,000 gal during the winter months and you use 20,000 gal of water in June watering your grass you will be billed for the 20,000 gals. of water but only 4,000 gals. on your sewer bill.

If you plan on filling your pool or hot tub before May 1st or after September 1st, please read your water meter before and after usage, and call the readings into the Clerk-Treasurer's Office: (219) 322-2211 Ext. 5

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Large branch piles (4 cubic yards and larger) will often be picked up by a larger crew. The route drivers will note the addresses where large piles are located and will return on another day with more personnel to pick up the load. During times that we are not active in loose leaf pick-up (before April 18 and after May 27) a special pick-up may be requested by calling the office, however leaves must be bagged.

## Grass Clippings

We encourage all residents to use a mulching type lawn mower to recycle grass clippings back into the soil from which they came. However, if you choose to collect and bag grass clippings, they can be placed in plastic or paper bags (not to exceed 40 pounds each), and should be put in your garbage tote to be picked up with your regular household waste. They must be in a dry container that will not break if handled roughly. If paper bags have been rained upon, they lose their strength and break open when the collector tries to lift them into the trash hopper.

## Large Item Disposal

Our contracted waste hauler, Republic Services will collect a limited amount of bulk items with your regular household waste. One large item per week will be collected. Refrigerators and freezers need special handling. We recommend calling Republic Services in regards to these items. Please remember that all wood and carpeting must be cut in 4-foot lengths, bundled and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

## Where Can I Dispose of Electronics and Hazardous Waste Materials

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District has monthly drop off sights April through October for hazardous wastes, i.e., batteries, oil based paints, mercury bulbs, and more. There are also designated drop off sites for electronic equipment, i.e., TV's, cell phones, stereos and more. Additional information can be found on their website [www.lcsdmd.com](http://www.lcsdmd.com) or by calling 769-3820.