



The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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October

- 12 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board Town Council 7 pm
- 13 Board of Safety 7 pm
- 17 Plan Commission Study Session 6 pm
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 pm
- 31 Halloween, Trick-or-Treating from 5-7 pm

- 8 Election Day
- 9 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board Town Council 7 pm
- 10 Board of Safety 7 pm
- 11 Veterans Day, Town Hall Closed. Veterans memorial at the Schererville Police Department 6:30 pm
- 21 Plan Commission Study Session 6 pm
- 24 Thanksgiving, Town Hall Closed
- 25 Town Hall Closed
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 pm

November

- 2 Park Board 6 pm
- 7 Plan Commission 6 pm

December

- 5 Plan Commission Study Session 6 pm
- 7 Park Board 6 pm
- 8 Board of Safety 7 pm

Winter Safety Thoughts

Protect Paws from Salt - The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's paws. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his or her mouth. Pet-friendly salt can be found at your local pet store.

Avoid Antifreeze Poisoning - Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and keep antifreeze and other household chemicals out of arms reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene and glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family members.

Be Careful with Cats, Wildlife and Cars - Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife to crawl under the hood to stay warm. To avoid injuring any small hidden animals, bang on the hood of your car to scare them away before starting your engine.

Keep the Pets Indoors

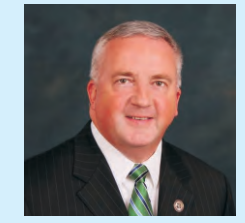
- The best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time. Outside, short-haired dogs may require a sweater in order to keep warm. Wind-chill can threaten a pet's life, they are sensitive to cold and at risk of frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps. Exposed skin on noses and paw pads can quickly freeze and cause permanent damage.



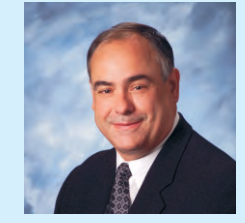
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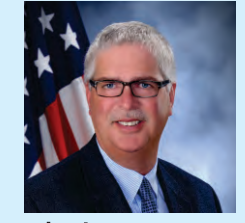
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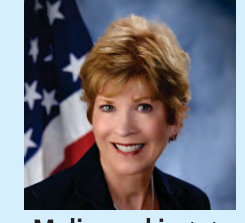
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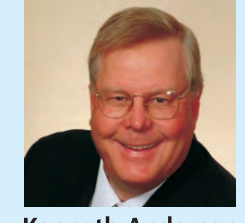
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Our Schererville Police Department encourages safety and supervision during trick-or-treat season. It is especially important for parents to adhere to a few safety rules that will help protect the children while trick-or-treating. The Town of Schererville's Trick-or-Treating hours are 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on October 31. The Schererville Police wish everyone a fun night on Halloween!



- Know your treater's route
- Take a flashlight
- Be sure costumes, shoes and treat bags are safe
- Remind kids not to enter stranger's cars or homes
- Set rules about not eating treats until at home
- Inspect all candy (candy that has been opened should be thrown away and homemade treats should be carefully inspected)
- Remember: drivers have a hard time seeing people at dusk
- Never cross the street between parked cars
- Watch for open flames from jack-o-lanterns because costumes and wigs can catch on fire.
- Make sure fake knives, swords and guns are made from cardboard or other flexible material to avoid accidental injury or be mistaken for the real thing.
- Make your homes safe for Trick-or-Treaters
- Turn on your porch light
- Remove items from your porch or yard that may present hazard
- Drive slowly and carefully! You never know what "creature" may suddenly cross your path
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Schererville Police Department

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR TRI-TOWN HALLOWEEN

With the cool crisp days of fall comes the spookiest of all holidays, Halloween. As costume ideas begin to percolate and pumpkins become jack-o-lanterns you know it is almost time for Trick or Treat and the Tri Town Safety Village's Halloween Event. This special event is made possible by the generous donations from local businesses. Children can have a fun and safe Halloween experience complete with games, face painting, bounce houses and of course lots of treats. You or your business can help make the event even better by participating in this year's TTSV event. Participants will need the following: 2,500 handouts and/or candy, tables, chairs, business banner and extension cord power strips. Please submit a completed participant form no later than October 14th to admin@safetyvillage.us or by fax (219) 864-9673.

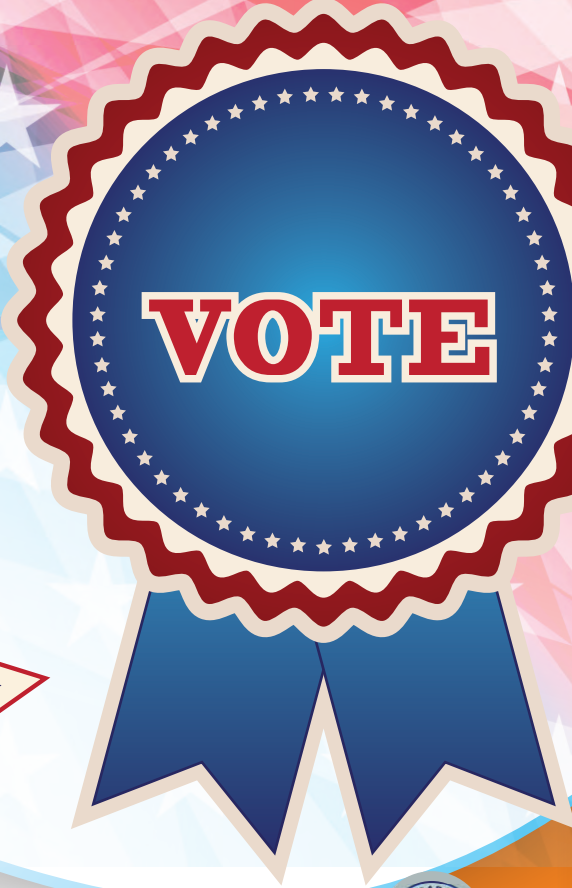
Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th

EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Early voting will be open at Town Hall beginning on October 12th for the upcoming general and presidential election in November. The dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 29 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday November 7 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

With the 8th of November approaching quickly, Myles Long with the Town of Schererville has put together all the voting information one might need. Whether your questions are about dates and locations or even how to register, the answer can be found at: <http://www.schererville.org/voter-information>



GOT JUNK?



OLD ELECTRONICS

Electronic items - televisions, computers, cell phones and such cannot be put out for refuse collection. Because of the hazardous materials used in the making of electronic items they are not allowed to go in the landfills. Lake County Solid Waste Management District has electronic recycling centers set up at various locations through the county. You can find the nearest one on their website: www.lcswmd.com or call 219-769-3820

THE BIG STUFF

Republic Services will collect one large item such as furniture or an appliance per week with your regular trash pickup. Refrigerators and freezers need special handling and it is important to call Republic Services for details 219-662-8600. Remember, wood and carpeting must be cut into 4-foot lengths, and bundled that weigh less than 50 pounds.

HELPFUL PHONE LIST

Public Works	219-322-6688
Republic Services	219-662-8600
Non-Emergency Police	219-322-5000
Clerk-Treasurer's Office/Water Billing	219-322-2211 ext.5

TOWN HALL NOVEMBER HOURS

During the month of November Town Hall will be closed on the following days:
 November 8th - Election Day November 11th-Veteran's Day
 November 24-25 Thanksgiving
 Utility Bills are due Thursday, November 24th but will be considered on-time through and including Monday, November 28th. If you have any questions, contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (219) 322-2211 ext. 5.



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PARKS ACTIVITIES

As the days begin to shorten, we are reminded that winter is coming. It's hard not to wonder how it all went by so fast. But, before we break out our snow shovels, comes the beautiful season of autumn. It beckons us out into the world a few more times before we seal the windows and strap on our winter boots.

As you can imagine the Schererville Parks Department is providing various activities for youngsters of all ages, including: guitar lessons, arts and crafts and a plethora of Halloween themed events, such as spooky stories around a camp fire, Halloween crafts and even making slime. Of course it wouldn't be Halloween without the CSRI Halloween Party, where the little ones can show off their costumes and pumpkin carving skills, which will be judged under the categories of funniest, scariest and most original.

All of these events and activities take place at the Schererville Community Center located at 500 East Joliet St., Schererville, IN 46375. For more details on Parks sponsored events go to www.schererville.org/town-government/parks-and-recreation/

GUITAR LESSONS

Need an evening without the kids? Is your child interested in guitar lessons? Sign up for these specialized guitar lessons from expert Eric Lambert. Eric is an official TrueFire Artist & Educator. You can learn more at truefire.com. Here are the options:
 Session 1: Mondays, October 3 - 24
 Session 2: Mondays, November 7 - 28
 TIME: 6:30-7:30 PM

CUPCAKE AND CANVAS (Ages 6 - 10)

At this event, you child can create their own personal painting on canvas. Kathy Eckert of Canvas Escapes demonstrates and gives step-by-step instructions. All materials needed to complete the take-home canvas that night are provided. Have your child enjoy a fun afternoon of cupcakes and paint. Deadline date to register is Wednesday before the class, or until filled.
 DATE: Saturday, October 22 TIME: 1:30 - 3:30 PM

SILLY YARN SPIDERS Ages 7 - 12yrs

One way you child can get into the "spirit" of the spooky season is by making a silly yarn spider. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Child must be able to tie a knot.
 DATE: Thursday, October 20 TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

EEL, HALLOWEEN STORY, SLIME, AND CRAFT Ages 3 - 6

Your little pumpkin will enjoy a Halloween story, slime making, and create a spooktacular craft!
 DATE: Monday, October 24 TIME: 3 - 4:30 PM

HALLOWEEN STORIES AND CAMPFIRE

Children and adults are invited to an evening of spooky tales around the glow of a campfire, led by the Northwest Indiana Storytelling Guild. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and we will provide the snacks. This is a free event
 DATE: Wednesday, October 26 TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

CSRI HALLOWEEN PARTY

Wear your costume and bring your decorated pumpkin for an evening of Halloween fun! Participants and family members will enjoy Halloween games, crafts, and music around the campfire. Decorated pumpkins will be judged in the following categories: Funniest, Scariest, and Most Original Pumpkin. CSRI is a cooperative venture by local park departments to provide recreational opportunities for individuals with various disabilities.
 DATE: Saturday, October 22 TIME: 6:00 PM



BRANCH & LEAF COLLECTION

The Autumn Season is here again and we'll soon be enjoying the delightful changing colors of the leaves that cool nights create. This year the town will start leaf pickup the week of October 17th on the south side of Route 30 and continue until it snows, usually mid-December. The schedule will rotate the north and south sides of Route 30 until the week of Thanksgiving, when the town will complete a "special pick-up" list, such as our water stations and parks. We will resume a rotating schedule the following week on the north side of Route 30. You can find a helpful calendar on the town's website www.schererville.org.

To ensure your branches and leaves are picked up it is important to have them placed in separate piles in the parkway or grassy area between the sidewalk and street by 7:00 AM on the Monday morning of your designated week. Do not put leaves in the street. This helps prevent flooding.

NEED A MORNING CALL?

The Schererville Police Department is looking to expand its "Morning Call" program, staffed entirely by volunteers who reach out to our elderly and shut-ins every weekday morning. This outreach program is currently accepting applications from those who may be interested or who may qualify for us to check on them daily.

This program is free of charge and available to the residents of Schererville. If you would like to enroll or if you know someone who may benefit from our program, please contact Corporal Timothy Arvanitis at 219-322-5000 / ext. 2324.