



# The Schererville Crossroads



# What's Happening in Town

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### December

- 14 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7pm
- 17 Candy Cane Hunt 12:30-4pm at the Schererville Community Center
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6pm
- 23-26 Town Hall Closed

### January

- 2 Town Hall Closed
- 4 Park Board 6pm
- 6 Plan Commission 6pm

- 11 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7pm
- 12 Board of Safety 7pm
- 16 Town Hall Closed
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeal 6pm

### February

- 1 Park Board 6pm
- 6 Plan Commission 6pm
- 8 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7pm
- 9 Board of Safety 7pm

## Happy Holidays!



### ABOUT MAILBOXES

The face of your mailbox should be behind the back of the curb by a minimum of 3" and a maximum of 6". There should be a minimum of 42" and a maximum of 45" clearance between the top of the curb and the bottom of the mailbox. If your street does not have curbs, these specifications are from the edge of the pavement. Now's a good time to check your mailbox mounting post, making sure it is secure with no cracked, rotting or defective components. Mailboxes that do not meet the minimum specifications above are likely to be damaged during

snow removal. The Public Works Department will not repair or replace any mailbox due to damage from or contact with snow removal equipment.

"We greatly appreciate your cooperation in these matters so that the Public Works Department can maintain the streets in a safe, efficient and economic manner," says the Public Works Department. Direct any questions Monday through Friday 7:00 AM until 3:30 PM to 219-322-6688 or 219-322-5486.

### TOWN HALL SPECIAL HOURS

During this special holiday season, Town Hall will be closed on December 23, 26, and the 30, and January 2. Water bills due on December 24 will be considered on time if payment is received by the close of business December 27, 2016. Later in the month, Town Hall will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.



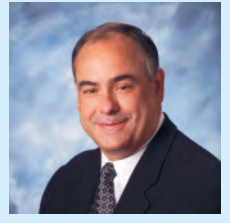
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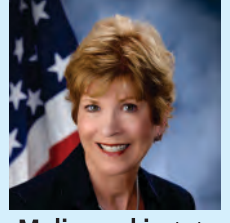
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Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court



Illiana Speedway has been operating for more than 50 years but was purchased by the Town of Schererville earlier this year. Located south of US 30 and adjacent to Rohrman Park, the newly acquired location presents a rare opportunity for added recreational and green space in our community.

The property itself is 51 acres. Eleven acres next to U.S. 30 are commercial, leaving 40 acres for redevelopment. Current plans are to add on to neighboring Rohrman Park. Expansion of the park boundaries is supported in both the Town Comprehensive Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Town is asking you to share your vision and ideas by taking a brief survey found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z3H6FFG>. Your feedback will help direct the future use and development of this additional park space for Schererville. Respond by January 31, 2017.



### SCHERERVILLE FIRE DEPT.

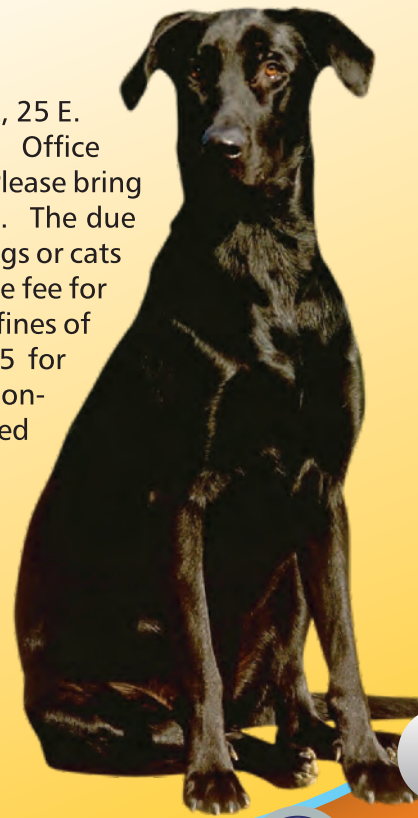
### Annual Holiday Food Drive

The Schererville Fire Department and Professional Firefighters Local 4279 are seeking non-perishable food donations for those in need this holiday season. "Please consider our request on your next shopping visit." Food drop off location is at Fire Station 2 at the corner of Cline and Joliet Streets in Schererville, 1650 Cline Avenue. All drop-offs are requested no later than Friday December 16th.



## Pet License Renewals

Pets may be licensed at the Schererville Police Department, 25 E. Joliet Street for the year 2017 starting January 3, 2017. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please bring proof of current shots and proof of spaying or neutering. The due date to have dogs and cats licensed is March 31, 2017. Dogs or cats licensed after March 31, 2017 will be charged a \$10.00 late fee for each pet. Failure to license your dog or cat could result in fines of \$25.00 to \$2500.00, per Ordinance 1549. Fees are \$5 for spayed or neutered dogs and cats; \$20 for non-spayed or non-neutered dogs; and \$10 for non-spayed or non-neutered cats.



## COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

With the winter season approaching, the Public Works Department would like you to review this mutually beneficial information that has value to every resident of the town.

Public Works is responsible for snow removal on approximately 115 miles of streets throughout the Town of Schererville, excluding US 30 and US 41 that are under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Department of Transportation or State Highway Department.

The main arteries receive the highest priority. These streets are usually pre-treated with a brine solution before a winter storm hits. This helps in keeping the snow from packing and freezing to the pavement. When plows are dispatched to begin plowing, they spread a dosage of road salt behind the trucks. This is thrown from a spinner on the back of the truck; thus drivers need to keep a minimum

following distance of 50 feet to avoid having the salt strike their vehicles.

Town Ordinance 791 prohibits parking on the street when there is a snowfall of 2" or greater. "No person shall park any vehicle on any street within the corporate limits of the town whenever there is two (2") inches or more of snow thereon, until said snow is removed. Any vehicle which is parked on said street when depth of snow exceeds two (2") may be towed away."

Do not throw snow from your sidewalks or driveway onto the street. This causes ice patches and creates an unnecessary hazard for traffic using the roadway. This is a general nuisance ordinance violation. Throw snow and ice to the side of the driveway and street. When snowplows are dispatched to re-clean a street, the snow and ice are usually plowed directly back

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## Holiday Parks Events

As usual the Schererville Parks Department has several fun holiday events upcoming as well as both youth and adult-g geared programs to help stay active during the winter season. Registration for programming can be done both online at [www.activenwi.com](http://www.activenwi.com) or in-person at either the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at the Schererville Town Hall by cash, credit, or check, or the Schererville Community Center by check only.

### Christmas Story & Craft

(Ages 3-6)

If you feel like an overworked Santa Claus, then take a break and have your little elf attend this program. Your elf will enjoy a holiday story and then we will seat them at a worktable and hammer out a decoration fit for the season!

DATE: Tuesday, December 20  
FEE: \$9 Residents/\$11 Non-Residents

### Christmas Pine Cone Trees

(Ages 7-11)

Have your child create a festive pinecone tree perfect for holiday season.

DATE: Wednesday, December 21  
FEE: \$14 Residents/  
\$16 Non-Residents

### Candy Cane Hunt



On Saturday, December 17, children 3 to 9 years of age can search the Schererville Community Center for hidden candy canes and have a chance to find the "special" candy canes for bigger prizes. After the hunt, youth will warm up with hot cocoa, a craft project, and cookies. Ages 3-5 from 12:30 to 2PM, ages 6-9 from 2:30 to 4PM at the Schererville Community Center. There's a limit of 100 children plus one parent for all ages. Fee is \$5 for residents, \$7 for non-residents.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

For additional information on upcoming programs, you can visit the Parks and Recreation page at [www.schererville.org](http://www.schererville.org). Updates will also be posted on the Parks Facebook and Twitter pages. "LIKE" us on Facebook at Schererville Parks & Recreation, and "FOLLOW" us on Twitter at @SchererParksRec. Need to know more? Stop in at the Parks Office inside the Schererville Community Center 8 – 4:30 PM weekdays, or give us a call at (219) 865-5530.

## COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

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onto the sidewalk or driveway from which it originally came; this usually leads to frustration to both the homeowners and our plow drivers.

Helping to keep fire hydrants clear of snow will assist the Fire Department should the need arise to use the hydrant. A hydrant buried in snow and difficult to find can cost valuable response time. Public Works employees are typically not available to undertake this task until after the snow has been plowed from all streets.



Cul-de-sacs present several challenges as they are wider than most streets and accordingly hold more snow. Secondly, there is usually a higher density of driveways leaving very little room between them to plow. In some cases, cul-de-sacs have virtually no openings between the driveways that allow us to divide the load and lessen the amount of snow pushed on each driveway.

Once the main arteries have been plowed and salted we move to the secondary streets in the subdivisions. These are usually the main entry streets as well as the streets leading into the third tier streets in a subdivision. We finish by completing third tier streets within the subdivisions (streets that service the residents of that street and their visitors and guests). We always attempt to keep these streets open making one or two passes up and down them during a snowfall event, however, the finishing (pushing the snow back to the curb line) is usually not completed until the snow has stopped falling and the main and secondary streets have been completed.

We will continue to spread salt on the main streets the same as we have in past years. On second and third tier streets we will only be applying salt to the intersections, curves and hills. We advise all drivers to use to caution when using the roadways under adverse conditions.