



## Tri-Town Safety Village hosts programs

As part of its ongoing mission, the Tri-Town Safety Village at 1350 Eagle Ridge Dr. in Schererville hosts programs that focus on children, families and those who serve the community and their country.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 13, children ages 1 to 12 can join the Easter Egg Hunt at the Tri-Town Safety Village. "The hunt starts promptly at 1 p.m., and the area will be sectioned off by age group," said Bill Jarvis, executive director.

The children will hunt for plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. Some of the eggs will contain a golden coin and prizes will be awarded to those finding the gold coins. This free event is sponsored in conjunction with the Schererville Central Lions Club and numerous other organizations, Jarvis said.

Pre-register for the Easter Egg Hunt by calling the Tri-Town Safety Village at (219) 865-9600.

### Veterans' Presentations

The Veterans Museum at the Tri-Town Safety Village honors veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces with an array of artifacts collected by Lake Central High School teacher Tom Clark and his students for more than 35 years as part of the Gold Star project. Clark serves as the museum's curator.

At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a veteran who has been in combat situations talks about his or her experiences during a presentation at the Veterans Museum. Upcoming Veterans' Presentations will be on April 13, May 11 and June 8.

"One veteran talked about his experiences with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne during the Vietnam War and about the battle of Hamburger Hill in 1969, where more than 400 American troops died," Jarvis said.

To sign up for this free event, call the Tri-Town Safety Village at (219) 865-9600 and provide an email address, he said.



## What's Happening in Town



### APRIL

- 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.
- 18 Flashlight Egg Hunt, Schererville Community Center, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday, Town Hall closed
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

### MAY

- 1 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 2 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 3 Cinco De Mayo Party in the Park, Redar Park, 5-10 p.m.
- 6 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.

- 6 Cubs "N" Canvases Painting Class, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 7 Primary Election Day, Town Hall Offices closed
- 8 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.
- 27 Memorial Day, Town Hall closed

### JUNE

- 3 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.
- 5 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 12 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.



## Town Hall provides early voting site for primary election

Registered voters can cast their ballots for the upcoming primary election at Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St., during April and May.

Early voting in April begins on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 and finishes on Monday, May 6, 2019. Hours are as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays April 9 – May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays April 27 and May 4 from 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Monday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Town Hall offices will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, May 7; however, the facility will be open for Election Day.

To vote in Indiana, you must be a citizen of the United States; be at least 18 years old on the day of the next election; have lived in the your precinct for at least 30 days before the election (except for certain military personnel); have registered to vote 29 days prior to election day and bring a valid, state-issued photo ID to cast your ballot.

# The Schererville Crossroads

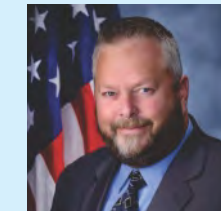
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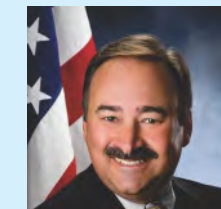
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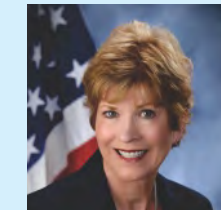
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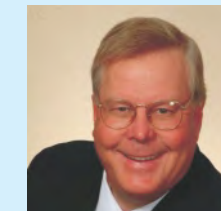
Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson, Judge, Schererville Town Court

## Police Chief Zagrocki proud to have served Schererville for 40 years



For 40 years, Dennis J. Zagrocki has served the Schererville community as a member of the Police Department, starting as a probationary policeman on Jan. 15, 1979.

"It's been a very interesting ride," said Police Chief Zagrocki. "It's been a privilege working together with different agencies including the major crime task force. I really appreciate the chance to serve the people of Schererville. I'm proud to serve this community."

Being part of law enforcement has been a life-long career for the 65-year old and is a family tradition. His father was a 26-year veteran of the East Chicago Police Department. He also began achieving goals early in his life.

"I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with East Chicago Boy Scout Troop #7 on April 9, 1969," said Zagrocki, who graduated from Bishop Noll High School in 1972. He received his associate degree in criminal justice at St. Joseph College in East Chicago and began his law enforcement career in 1977 as an officer with the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Police Department.

"When I joined the Schererville Police Department, I was assigned to patrol. Then in the 1980's I was assigned as a detective. We only had two detectives at that time," he recalled, adding that one career highlight was investigating a homicide that took place in Schererville in the 1980's that was solved in the 1990's.

During those 40 years with the Schererville Police Department, Zagrocki has served in many capacities. He was appointed Acting Chief from June 1989 to January 1, 1990 and served as Chief of Police from January 1, 1990 through January 13, 1992. When the police department moved into its new headquarters in 2000, Zagrocki was assigned as evidence manager and organized the new evidence room.

Zagrocki also served as Deputy Chief from January 2005 through September 2008. When Police Chief David Dowling retired in February 2018, Zagrocki assumed the role of Interim Police Chief. In July 2018, the Schererville Town Council unanimously appointed Zagrocki as Chief of Police.

He was also honored in May 2017, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for 40 years of Law Enforcement Service from the District One Law Enforcement Council.

"I have been fortunate enough to be in those positions of deputy chief and chief," Zagrocki said. "I wish I would have been writing a book when I started. Each day is different."

Zagrocki said he's also proud of the way the Schererville Police Department has developed to include 49 sworn officers and "a really good canine program." In addition, the department's community outreach programs now include the VIPs program, Cop Camp, the Citizens Police Academy and Coffee with Cops, he said.

"I'm a city boy," said Zagrocki who grew up in East Chicago. "I've seen Schererville grow up considerably. I'm glad I got to see it develop."



## NEWS FROM PUBLIC WORKS

### Spring cleanup coming to your neighborhood

Leaves and branches will be collected by the Schererville Public Works Department starting in April.

Branches will be picked up starting the week of April 1 north of U.S. 30 and pickup will rotate weekly on the north and south sides of U.S. 30. Spring leaf pickup begins the week of April 15 north of U.S. 30 and will rotate weekly on the north and south sides of U.S. 30 until May 25.

Please put your leaves and branches in separate piles. Please keep your leaves in the parkway – the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street – to prevent flooding during heavy rains.

### Holiday garbage/recycling pickup

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27. Garbage and recycling will be picked up one day later this week. For example,

Wednesday pickup will be on Thursday while the usual Thursday pickup will be on Friday.

### Some things just can't go in the trash

Hazardous waste items should never go in the trash. The Lake County Solid Waste Management provides a monthly opportunity to dispose of such items as aerosols, ammunition, antifreeze, oils, batteries, medications, fluorescent tubes and other poisonous liquids. Check out the Lake County Solid Waste Management's website at <https://www.lcswmd.com>.

Need to dispose of an old TV or other electronics? Check out that same website, [www.lcswmd.com](http://www.lcswmd.com), or call (219) 853-2420 to find your nearest Electronic Recycling Center.



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## scherrerville parks & recreation

### FAMILY BUNNIES "N" BOTTLES

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1:30-3:30 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
HOP, HOP, HIPPIITY HOP! Happy Easter! Looking for a unique way to celebrate Easter? Sign up for the entire family for our Bunnies 'N' Bottles painting class. Easter treats will be served to all participants, and all materials are provided with the fee. Instructor is Christine Hnatusko. Fee: \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents.

### SPRING FEVER CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Goodbye, Winter! Hello, SPRING SHOPPING!! Grab your family and friends and join us at our annual Spring Fever Craft Show. Here you'll find 125 crafters in addition to food trucks, free raffles and a balloon artist! ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!

### FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT (AGES 8-13)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7:30-8:30 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Don't miss out on this exciting moonlight event as kids will use their flashlights to find prize-filled eggs that are scattered throughout the lawn of the Community Center. Following the hunt, we will have a pizza party and play BINGO. Don't forget to bring a flashlight and a bag. Doors open at 7 p.m. Deadline date to register is April 17. This is a child-only event. Limit – Maximum # 100 children. Fee: \$9 for residents/+10% for non-residents.

### CINCO DE MAYO PARTY IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 5-10 P.M. REDAR PARK  
What better way to welcome the warmer weather than celebrating Cinco de Mayo in the Park with family and friends! Schererville Parks is kicking off the weekend with a Cinco Party for all ages! Dance to the music of a live band. Enjoy a performance by Ballet Folklorico. Sample beverages at the beer, wine and margarita garden. Feast on palette-pleasing delights from food trucks. Play festive games. Check out the crafters and vendors at the PNP POP Ups. This spring event will also feature Superhero characters, a free Fun Photo Booth, free giant bubble making, a balloon artist, bounce houses and more! \*\*Interested vendors can contact the Parks Department at [jbarnes@scherrerville.org](mailto:jbarnes@scherrerville.org) for more info!

### CUBS "N" CANVASES (AGES 18 & OLDER)

MONDAY, MAY 6, 6-8 P.M.  
SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Are you a Cubs fan and a painting fan? Then get your team spirit on with this class! This all-star program will help you create your own Cubs canvas AND chow down on famous baseball food "must haves." All materials and food will be provided. Instructor is Christine Hnatusko. Fee: \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents.

### PAMPER YOUR PARENTS PARTY IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 5-10 P.M. REDAR PARK  
Overworked? Stressed? In need of a drink? Schererville Parks introduces Pamper Your Parents Party in the Park! This event is for all those parents who want to say "It's my turn!" (PSST.. Mother's Day is in just three days!). PLUS, there's a free Adult Easter Egg Hunt planned! Who says it has to be Easter to have a hunt full of exciting prizes!! Don't worry – this Pamper party has entertainment for the entire family! There'll be a live band, a beer-wine-margarita garden, food trucks, PNP Pop Ups with crafters and vendors, a free family relay, free themed fun photo booths, free GIANT bubble-making, Superhero characters, Balloontacular balloon artists, face painter, bounce houses and more!! Interested in getting in on the pamper-ness?!? Food vendors, crafters and vendors can email us at [jbarnes@scherrerville.org](mailto:jbarnes@scherrerville.org) for more info!

### HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 4  
The Tulip Time Festival in Holland, Michigan, brings spring alive each year with thousands of tulips lining the streets and in special tulip gardens throughout the city. If you love this symbol of spring, join us on our trip to this festival where you'll enjoy parades, carnival rides, wooden shoes, elephant ears and so much more! There'll also be an option to see the tall ships!! We'll leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at

### ZUMBA

Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away! Regardless of your fitness level, Zumba is fun and engaging! Sue Bourget leads this series. Can't commit to an entire series? Sign up by for classes you can attend. Single class fees start at \$9 per class. Fees cannot be paid at class. Pre-registration is required. Register at [www.scherrerville.org](http://www.scherrerville.org).

SERIES	DAY	DATES	TIME
Pop Series	Wednesdays	April 24-May 29	9:30 – 10:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Second Street Dance Studio, 121 E. Joliet St., Schererville			
LIMIT: 9 minimum/24 maximum			
SESSION FEE: \$42 for residents/+10% for non-residents			
SINGLE CLASS FEE: \$9 for residents/+10% for non-residents			

SERIES	DAY	DATES	TIME
Bears Series	Thursdays	April 25-May 30	6:30 – 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Schererville Community Center			
LIMIT: 9 minimum/24 maximum			
SESSION FEE: \$42 for residents/+10% for non-residents			
SINGLE CLASS FEE: \$9 for residents/+10% for non-residents			

### SLOW FLOW YOGA

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6-7 P.M. SCHERRERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER  
Slow Flow Yoga classes connect accessible yoga postures with breath and fluid movement in a well-rounded practice. With a slower pace, there's time to explore individual postures so that new students can build confidence and familiarity, while more experienced students can refine the fundamentals of alignment and explore deeper sensations. Our instructor is Aly Juran. Fees cannot be paid at class. Pre-registration is required. Register at [www.scherrerville.org](http://www.scherrerville.org).  
LIMIT: 5 minimum/40 maximum  
PER SESSION FEE: \$5 for residents/+10% for non-residents  
Our instructor requests participants bring 1 to 3 canned goods for a local food drive.

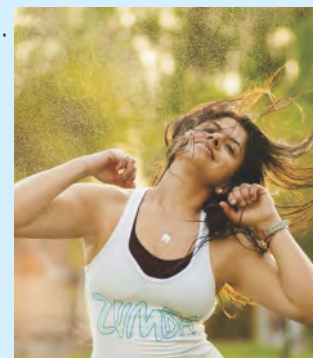
5:30 p.m. The cost, which includes round-trip bus transportation, is \$45 for residents and \$49.50 for non-residents. Register at [www.scherrerville.org](http://www.scherrerville.org).

### FOUR WINDS CASINO

THURSDAY, MAY 9  
Join us as we travel to 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. 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, April 29. Register at [www.scherrerville.org](http://www.scherrerville.org).

### CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

THURSDAY, MAY 23  
Join Schererville Parks as we travel to the Chicago Botanic Garden. The Chicago Botanic Garden is a 385-acre living plant museum situated on nine islands in the Cook County Forest Preserves. It features 27 display gardens in four natural habitats: McDonald Woods, Dixon Prairie, Skokie River Corridor, and Lakes and Shores. Make sure to bring your camera. You won't want to miss this trip! We'll leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost, which includes round-trip bus transportation, is \$28 for residents and \$30.80 for non-residents. Register at [www.scherrerville.org](http://www.scherrerville.org).



## Main Street bridge replacement continues through early June

Work continues to replace the bridge over Hart Ditch on Main Street between Calumet Avenue and U.S. 41. Main Street will be closed to traffic until approximately Saturday, June 1, according to the Lake County Highway Department.



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The new bridge will have sidewalks and will be 7 feet wider and 26 feet longer than the previous bridge, according to Duane Alverson, Lake County Highway Department engineer.

Residents of Briar Ridge Country Club are able to enter and exit off Main Street as well as 213<sup>th</sup> Street in Dyer. Detour routes include the following, Alverson noted.

- East-bound Main Street at Calumet Avenue: Take Calumet Avenue south to U.S. 30 and turn left or east. Take U.S. 30 east to U.S. 41. Turn left or north onto U.S. 41 and continue to Main Street.
- West-bound Main Street at U.S. 41: Take U.S. 41 south to U.S. 30 and turn right. Go west on U.S. 30 to Calumet Avenue. Turn right and continue on Calumet Avenue to Main Street.
- For those who want to access Calumet Avenue and U.S. 41/Indianapolis Boulevard from Main Street east of the construction, turn right or north on White Oak Avenue to 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Munster. Turning left will take drivers to Calumet Avenue while turning right will lead to Indianapolis Boulevard.

## Report on proposed Burr Street corridor roadwork slated for Plan Commission Study Session

Plans to make Burr Street north of U.S. 30 a viable thoroughfare will be part of the April 15 Plan Commission study session meeting that begins at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St. The public presentation by Robinson Engineering will highlight the two phases of the project. Notices to attend this public presentation will be sent out to those businesses and residents impacted by this project, said Ronald Wiedeman, senior project engineer with Robinson Engineering. "The project will include some right-of-way acquisitions," he noted.

In the corridor study, Robinson Engineering determined that a new underground sewer system is needed to address drainage issues, Wiedeman said. "We are putting together contract plans for two separate contracts for the town. That will allow them to seek potential funding through the community crossing grant program."

Current plans call for Phase 1 to run from U.S. 30 north to 78<sup>th</sup> Street and create a five-lane cross-section at U.S. 30 with two northbound lanes, one southbound lane and a single right and left turn lane. Phase 2 would construct a three-lane cross section with a center turn lane, curbs, gutters and the new underground sewer system from 78<sup>th</sup> Street north to the bike path that crosses Burr Street and continues to 73<sup>rd</sup> Street.

"North of 75<sup>th</sup> Street will be reconstructed with minor profile adjustments," Wiedeman said. "A new bike path is to be constructed on the east side of the road from Walgreen's to 75<sup>th</sup> Street."

Robinson Engineering will also help the Town of Schererville apply for a Community Crossing grant that is due in July with those chosen for that funding notified from August to September, he said. "The project will be bid over the winter with Phase 1 beginning potentially in the summer of 2020."



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## New pet parents:

### Remember to register your new family member

Welcoming a new dog or cat to your family provides many joys as well as responsibilities. Licensing your pet is one of those responsibilities. Schererville residents must license their pets annually at the Schererville Police Department, 25 E. Joliet St.

If you've welcomed a new pet family member, please bring proof of current shot records and proof of your pet being spayed or neutered. Veterinary records aren't kept from year-to-year.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee for all non-spayed or non-neutered dogs is \$20. A \$10 fee is charged for non-spayed or non-neutered cats. The fee for spayed or neutered dogs and cats is \$5.

Town ordinance #1549 limits residents to owning and licensing five dogs and/or cats. If you have a new dog or cat, remember to license your pet again by March 31, 2020.

