

Citizen's Police Academy welcomes participants to next training course

Law enforcement involves many important duties, and Schererville residents and business owners ages 18 and older can gain insight into the workings of their police department during the upcoming 10-week Citizen's Police Academy.



"You can apply for the academy that meets once a week from Sept. 16 through Nov. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.," said Officer Jeff Zemburski. Meetings are held at the Schererville Police Department, 25 E. Joliet St.

There is no enrollment fee, and the class size is limited to 15 students to allow for group interaction and hands-on experience.

Each of the 10 weeks features a different curriculum with instructors from the police department ranks demonstrating and leading participants in a range of activities, Zemburski noted.



- Week 1 – Orientation and a tour of the police station.
- Week 2 – Investigating DUI's and standardized field sobriety testing. "A specific officer who is proficient in DUI's leads this class. This is very involved," he said.

- Week 3 – A SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) demonstration with the use of flash bangs used during hostage rescue and high-risk warrants.
- Week 4 – Firearms and the use of force issues.
- Week 5 – Hand-held radar to clock the speed of vehicles.
- Week 6 – Evidence handling, including fingerprinting, burglary prevention and internet scams.
- Week 7 – Police canines and drug recognition. "An officer will put on a bite suit to demonstrate how police use specially-trained canines," Zemburski said.
- Week 8 – Self-defense for personal safety and the use of defensive tactics.
- Week 9 – Emergency vehicle operations using a video simulator.
- Week 10 – Railroad safety including incidents involving railroad cars with toxic substances.

"At graduation in the Schererville courtroom, participants receive a T-shirt and certificate," Zemburski said.



The Schererville Police Department launched the Citizen's Police Academy in 1994 with sponsorship from the U.S. Department of Justice. Since its inception as one of the first citizen academies in the State of Indiana, the Schererville Citizen's Police Academy has won the U.S. Justice Department's Exemplary Law Enforcement Award.

Interested in applying? Contact the Schererville Police Department at (219) 322-5000. Information will also be posted on the town's website and social media.



What's Happening in Town



AUGUST

- 5 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.
- 7 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 8 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 10 Northwest Indiana Symphony Concert, Redar Park, 7:30-9 p.m.
- 14 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 17 Touch-A-Truck, Redar Park, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23 Evening Under the Stars, Schererville Community Center, 7-9:30 p.m.
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day, Town Hall closed
- 2 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m. (Date subject to change)
- 4 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 5 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.

- 11 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 11 Annual Memorial Event at 9/11 memorial on Police Department grounds, 7 p.m.
- 14 Country-A-Fair, Redar Park, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 16 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 Park Board meeting 6 p.m.
- 3 Board of Safety Study Session at Police Department 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety meeting at Police Department 7 p.m.
- 5 Superhero Breakfast, Schererville Community Center, 9 a.m. – Noon
- 7 Plan Commission meeting 6 p.m.
- 9 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 18 CSRI Halloween Party, Schererville Community Center, 6-8 p.m.
- 21 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting 6 p.m.

Owlfred, continued from front

me," said Maxwell, a Hammond resident, who has been employed by Schererville since October 2015. "This was a learning experience. I started with latex primer, but that didn't work. I had to peel and sand the latex off."

After consulting with Van Senus Auto Parts, Maxwell tried automotive acrylic primer followed by automotive acrylic enamel paint in shades of black, white, gray, brown and tan. "Thankfully it worked," she said. A coat of clear

automotive urethane provided the weather-proof finish to *Owlfred*.

Maxwell said she chose to portray the Great Horned Owl because it is native to Indiana and ambassador for Humane Indiana. "The Great Horned Owl is cool," she said. "Humane Indiana does a fantastic job. My family has taken injured birds to the Wildlife Center in Valparaiso."

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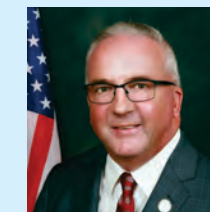
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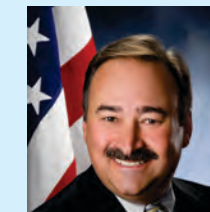
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Judge, Schererville Town Court

'Owlfred' graces front of Town Hall, raises awareness of Humane Indiana programs

Standing a bit over four feet tall, the fiberglass Great Horned Owl – affectionately known as *Owlfred* – perches just west of the Clock Tower in front of Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet St., as part of Humane Indiana's Owl Public Art project.

The town purchased the giant owl sculpture to help raise awareness and funds for Humane Indiana on Kennedy Avenue in Highland as well as services and educational programming at Humane Indiana's Wildlife Education Center in Valparaiso.

"The fiberglass owl originally weighed 50 pounds. I added several fiberglass feathers to make it look more realistic, turning it into a Great Horned Owl. It's a little fluffier," said Tiffany Maxwell, a custodian with the Town of Schererville, and the artist who painted the sculpture.

She worked on turning the white



fiberglass sculpture into a work of art at the Schererville Public Works facility, 540 Kaeser Blvd. "A major, major, major thank you to the public works staff," she said.

"I've been painting and drawing since I was little. Fiberglass is a new thing for

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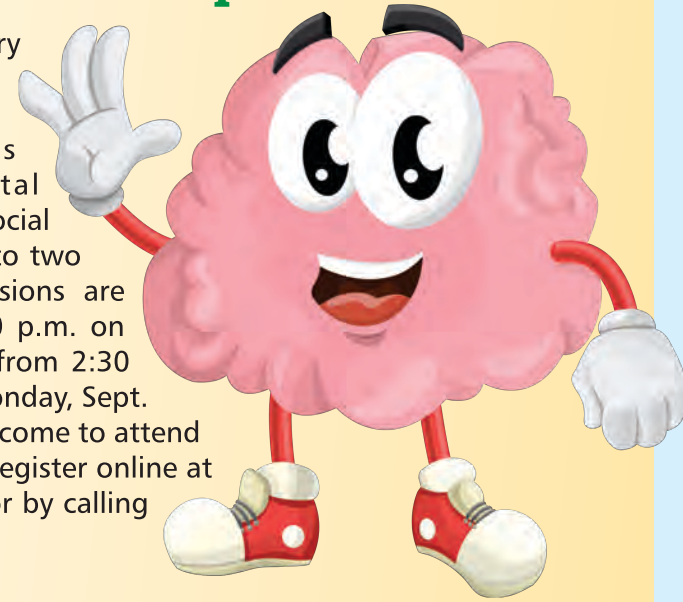
Take care of your brain in 'Brain Fitness Camp'

What are you doing to take care of your brain? *Brain Fitness Camp* at the Lake County Public Library, 1001 W. Lincoln Hwy (U.S. 30) in Schererville, engages aging adults in fun and interactive activities that challenge thinking.

The goal of presenter Linda Curley, Health and Human Sciences Educator with Purdue University Extension, is to educate participants on healthy brain contributors. The activities explored in this free program can contribute to maintaining and improving brain function and help adults stay mentally active, said Chris Rettig, Manager of the

Dyer-Schererville library branch.

Each session offers cognitive and mental challenges in a highly social setting for 90 minutes to two hours. Upcoming sessions are from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16. Participants are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Register online at www.lcclin.org/events or by calling (219) 322-4731.



What about feral cats & wildlife?



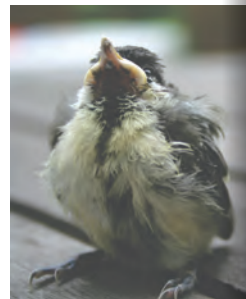
Schererville Animal Control works with civilian animal control and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on calls for feral cats and wildlife, including sick or injured wild animals. Injured or orphaned wildlife are placed with the Humane Indiana Wildlife Center in Valparaiso.

"If left uncontrolled, stray cats can breed and develop into large feral colonies, especially in rural areas," said Officer Peter Sormaz. "They can carry diseases and parasites, kill birds vital for keeping down destructive insect populations, and may even chase away your own pet cats if you allow them outside."

Property owners may also be fined by local governments for not handling cat problems, he noted.

"Leave all wildlife alone. Learn by observation," Sormaz said, adding the following:

- Don't handle any sick or injured wild animals (skunks, raccoons, foxes, bats, etc.). These animals could be carrying rabies or other diseases harmful to humans.
- Do move fledging birds out of the way. Do it quickly and leave. Their parents will do the rest.
- Don't feed young or injured animals (birds or mammals) unless you're sure of the right food.
- Do call the proper authorities. Get adult supervision and aid before touching or moving any sick or injured animal.
- Don't try to keep wild animals as pets.
- Do supervise your domestic pets. Cats and dogs kill many baby animals.
- Don't let your pets run wild.
- Do preserve and expand habitat for wildlife. You can start in your own backyard.
- Don't leave your trash or litter lying around. Plastics and styrofoam don't biodegrade, and discarded fishing line is a killer.



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NWI SYMPHONY SUMMER CONCERT

SATURDAY, AUG. 10, 7:30-9 PM
REDAR PARK

The Town of Schererville is proud to present a summer concert performed by the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. Join us at Redar Park for a great evening of music. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for this unforgettable event!

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Lake Central High School auditorium, 8400 Wicker Ave., St. John.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

SATURDAY, AUG. 17, 11 AM-2 PM
REDAR PARK

Has your child ever seen a fire truck, a semi-truck or a front-end loader up close? This is your chance to bring your children to our Touch-A-Truck event where they will have the opportunity to touch, see inside and maybe even climb through various "big" trucks. There'll also be food vendors, craft vendors and

a bounce house to make it a fun family outing! THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

EVENING UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 7-9:30 PM
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us for an enchanted evening of Big Band and swing music under the stars. The band Popology boasts a line-up of talent from Chicago performing stylish swing and "Rat Pack" music. There will be limited seating so bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

COUNTRY-A-FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 11 AM-4 PM
REDAR PARK

Cows, goats and chickens - Oh, My!! Country-A-Fair is back and ready to celebrate everything Fall!! Join Schererville Parks for a full day of festivities including food trucks, a live band, hand-made crafters and vendors providing shopping opportunities, pony rides, a FREE petting zoo, a whipped cream eating contest, pumpkin roll races, potato sack races, a balloon artist, face painter, bounce houses and more!!

**Interested vendors can contact the Parks Department at jbarnes@schererville.org.

SUPERHERO BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 9 AM
SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Superhero Breakfast is back, and last year this was our FASTEST-SELLING breakfast!! This year also promises to be a SELL-OUT!!

Kids can dress up and enjoy a SUPER breakfast catered by The Patrician with seven of their favorite heroes joining in the fun! There will also be a free craft, a balloon artist and a face painter (both available for an extra charge), a costume contest and more!!

Limit - 250

Everyone attending must purchase a ticket.

Cost: Ages 11 & younger, \$10 for residents/
+10% for non-residents
Ages 12 & older, \$15 for residents/
+10% for non-residents

Sign up at www.schererville.org.

Schererville to host 9/11 memorial event

On Sept. 11, 2001, thousands of civilians and first responders lost their lives in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. To honor their sacrifice, the Town of Schererville will host the annual 9/11 Memorial Event beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

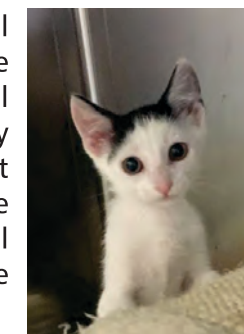
The event will take place at the town's 9/11 Memorial located on the Police Department grounds, 25 E. Joliet St.

"We will post all the information on the town's Facebook Page and other social media," said Fire Chief Robert Patterson.



Animal Control Department maintains no-kill shelter, gives tips on feral cats & wildlife

Dogs and cats can become wonderful family members. The Schererville Police Department's Animal Control Department helps create those family bonds through its shelter located at 548 Kaeser Blvd, Kennedy Avenue north from Joliet Street. This no-kill shelter takes in stray animals that are in need of new loving homes.



"We have many cats, kitten and dogs to choose from. They are all lovable and looking for their new forever families," said Angela Malinowski, animal control officer, who works with Jamie Fritz, a part-time animal control officer.

With the help of VIPS officers, the animal control officers maintain the shelter, cleaning it daily and making certain the animals receive food and water and get exercise. "We work with area veterinarians, administer medication as needed and love the animals," Malinowski said.

With every stray that comes in, the animal control officers' goal is to find an owner. This sometimes requires an investigation to reunite or press charges if an animal has been neglected or abused, said Officer Peter Sormaz. All animals at the shelter that are not claimed are put up for adoption. Malinowski and Fritz work with prospective adoptive families at the shelter.

The adoption fee is \$65 for both dogs and cats. This fee includes vaccines, FLV (feline leukemia virus)/FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) testing for cats, micro-chipping, heartworm testing for dogs as well as spaying/neutering.

Shelter hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend appointments are also available. Call (219) 865-6992, email ac@schererville.org, or check out the shelter's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Schererville-Animal-Control-Shelter-652191121508947>.

Join us for these Exciting Trips

FOUR WINDS CASINO

We'll travel to the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on the following dates: Thursday, Sept. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 14

The deadline to register is 10 days before each trip. There's a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 45 participants. In addition to round-trip coach bus transportation, each person will receive a \$10 food voucher and \$15 for slot play. We'll leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. A valid government-issued picture ID is required the day of the trip. Tickets are non-transferrable. The cost is \$25 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

FESTIVAL OF THE VINE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Taste the autumn bounty in downtown Geneva, Illinois while enjoying the flower market, arts & crafts show and live musical entertainment. Sip wines from around the world and sample mouth-watering international specialties prepared by Geneva restaurateurs. The fee includes round-trip coach bus transportation. There's a minimum of 34 and a maximum of 54 spots for this trip. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. We will leave Rohrman Park at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The fee is \$32 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

WINE & HARVEST FEST: SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN
Join Schererville Parks as we embark on a new journey to celebrate the 47th Annual Wine & Harvest Festival in historic downtown Cedarburg, Wisconsin! Here you'll find an abundance of Wisconsin's homegrown

produce & artisan foods as well as the award-winning wines of Cedar Creek Winery. Plus the free, family-friendly arts & crafts event is an absolute must for all fest-goers! The cost includes round-trip coach bus transportation. There's a minimum of 39 and a maximum of 54 participants. We will leave Rohrman Park at 7:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN: FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Take a trip to Saugatuck, Michigan, and enjoy shopping, art galleries and antiquing. Walk along the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan and take in its scenic wonders. The trip includes round-trip coach bus transportation. There's a minimum of 35 and a maximum of 54 participants. We will leave Rohrman Park at 8 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 for residents/+10% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

SAVE THESE DATES!

All Events at the Schererville Community Center except where noted
FRIDAY, OCT. 18 - CSRI Halloween Party
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 - Halloween Stories & Campfire
THURSDAY, OCT. 24 - Nightmare before Halloween
SATURDAY, NOV. 2 - Holiday Craft Show
MONDAY, NOV. 11 - Veteran's Day Remembrance, Schererville Police Dept. Veteran's Memorial
FRIDAY, NOV. 29 - Schererville Frozen Fever
SATURDAY, DEC. 7 - Breakfast with Santa
SATURDAY, DEC. 14 - Crafts at the Crossroads Xmas Craft Show