



The Schererville Crossroads



What's Happening in Town

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AUGUST

- 10 Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 12 Symphony, Redar Park 7:30-9 p.m.
- 19 Touch A Truck, Redar Park 12-3 p.m.
- 21 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25 Evening Under the Stars, Schererville Community Center 7-9:30 p.m.
- 28 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Plan Commission 6 p.m.
- 6 Park Board 6 p.m.
- 13 Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 14 Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 16 Country-A-Fair, Redar Park 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 Plan Commission 6 p.m.
- 4 Park Board 6 p.m.

Options for Utility Bill Payment



Customers have the convenience of multiple bill paying methods.

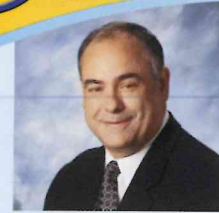
Online Bill Payment is a fee-based service and can be done by visiting www.schererville.org. Click Online Services -> Water Bill Payment, then you will see the link to pay via the InvoiceCloud service. You may pay your bill without registering or you can register as a customer. There are several benefits to registering as a customer including the ability to check previous invoices, better and much simpler information storage, the option to go paperless, and the ability to pay anytime from anywhere.

Auto-Withdrawal is a free service and your payment is automatically deducted from your specified checking account on the 24th of each month. To sign up, just complete an application form and drop it along with a voided check in the mail, in one of the night depository boxes, or at the Clerk-Treasurer's. This program takes the hassle out of the process. No more writing checks, no more late fees or no more running to the Town Hall to pay your bill at the last minute, and you'll save a stamp.

Schererville Chamber of Commerce



Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017
1:00 to 10:00 p.m.
at Redar Park (Gregory & Austin Ave.)



Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



David DeJong, Councilman Ward 1



Kevin Connelly, Councilman Ward 2



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Mike Troxell, Councilman Ward 5



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson
Judge, Schererville Town Court

Pennsy Trail plans moving ahead

In the 1990s, the Pennsy Greenway Trail was just a line on a map. Now the popular trail runs from Calumet City, Illinois, to Schererville's Rohrman Park. In October 2011, Schererville celebrated the official opening of the first 2.1-mile leg of this trail that stretches from Wilhelm Street near the Police Department, past Redar Park, going under U.S.30 and culminating at Rohrman Park. Since this first phase of the trail opened, people of all ages have biked, run and walked the paved path, enjoying the changes of season and topography.



Now plans are moving ahead to extend the Pennsy Trail with Phase 2 and Phase 3. "We are in process of acquiring property to obtain the appropriate rights-of-way. Twelve parcels of land need to be acquired," says John Novacich, Superintendent of Parks. Phase 2 will go from Main Street to Eagle Ridge Drive, while Phase 3 will continue from Eagle Ridge Drive ending at the 9/11 Memorial located in the Schererville Police Department parking lot, 25 E. Joliet.

Trisha Nugent, a project manager with DLZ Engineering, is working on acquiring the necessary right-of-ways on the trail design. "Most of trail design is completed," Novacich says. "One variable is the crossing over the CN railroad tracks on 213th Street." A possible trail feature at that railroad crossing would be a paved pedestrian crossing, complete with a gate, he says. That remains an item to be negotiated with the railroad.

As the acquisition of the needed property continues, other work is being done to finalize details of the trail, which will add about 3.2 miles in Phases 2 and 3, he says. The paved trail will be ideal for those who enjoy walking, jogging, bicycling and rollerblading, Novacich says. As on the first portion of the trail, those who walk their dogs will find waste disposal bag stations along the route. However, horseback riding or the use of motorized vehicles won't be allowed on the Pennsy Trail, he says.

Funding for the Pennsy Trail comes from \$4.6 million in grants, including those secured by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, according to Novacich. "With the town's match it's over \$5 million," he says.

Currently the goal is for Phase 2 and Phase 3 to be scheduled for bids in March of 2018, Novacich says, depending on the success with obtaining the necessary rights of way.

Watch *The Schererville Crossroads* for future developments on this wonderful amenity!

New Service Application Process

At the July Town Council meeting an Ordinance was passed discontinuing the requirement for customers to pay a \$50.00 deposit to sign up for utility service. The new procedure requires customers to complete an application form at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. The application must be completed in person as it requires the customers to provide their driver's license and their signature. The application for service should be completed at least three days prior to the customer's need for service at a location. This practice also applies to

existing customers moving to new locations within the Town of Schererville.

Customers moving out of a residence are still required to contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office in order to notify them they are moving so their utility billing can be finalized.

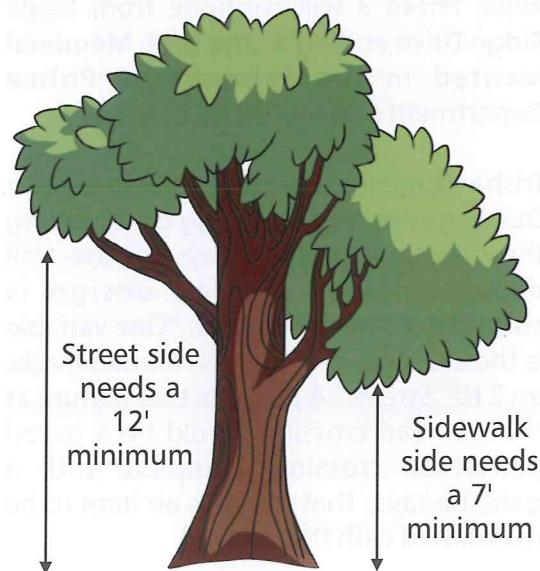
Deposits currently on file with the Clerk-Treasurer are in the process of being refunded or applied to the utility accounts. It is not necessary to contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office to obtain a deposit refund as the refund process may take some time to complete. Your patience is appreciated during this transition process.

Landscaping & Trees in the Parkway

Town of Schererville Ordinance Number 1046 regulates the maintenance and types of bushes, trees and landscaping that homeowners may have placed along the street right-of-way or in the parkway between the streets and sidewalks. These restrictions are intended to allow for free access for pedestrian and vehicle traffic using these public corridors. It is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain these items in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Ordinance. These regulations are summarized as follows:

1. On the sidewalk side, any tree or bush overhanging the sidewalk must be kept trimmed to a height of no less than seven (7) feet above the walkway.
2. On the street side, any tree or bush overhanging the street must be kept trimmed to a height of no less than twelve (12) feet above the street.
3. All trees, bushes and other landscaping must be maintained in a manner to allow for an unobstructed view of any regulatory or informational sign posted along the roadway for traffic regulation purposes. More simply stated: traffic using the streets must be able to see SPEED LIMIT, STOP, and other traffic signs from a reasonable distance as they approach them.

Each year during the fall months, the Public Works Department attempts to inspect and trim branches and bushes not in compliance with Town Ordinance. Our goal is to minimize damage to our snow removal equipment and vehicles, as well as the trucks that pick up trash from your residence year round. Quite often, homeowners have their own ideas as to how they would like their trees trimmed and are not pleased with the finished job when it is left to the Public Works Department. Keeping these items trimmed in compliance with the Ordinance will prevent this type of situation.



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SYMPHONY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 7:30-9 PM • REDAR PARK

The Town of Schererville is proud to present a summer concert with the Northwest Indiana Symphony. 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 event will be held at Lake Central High School Auditorium.

TOUCH A TRUCK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 12-3 PM • REDAR PARK

Has your child ever asked to see a fire truck, a semi-truck, or front-end loader? This is your chance to bring your child to our Touch-A-Truck event, where they will have the opportunity to touch, see inside, and maybe even climb through various "big" trucks. Food vendors, craft vendors and a bounce house will be onsite for a fun family event. **FREE EVENT!**



EVENING UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 7-9:30 PM • SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us for an enchanting evening of Big Band and swing music under the stars. The band *Bopology* boasts a line-up of talent from Chicago performing stylish swing and *Rat Pack-style-music*. There will be limited seating and lawn chairs or blankets are recommended.

COUNTRY-A-FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 11AM-4 PM
REDAR PARK

Join us for a fun fall day full of festivities including crafts, produce, games, food, fun, and more! All ages will enjoy a petting zoo, shopping, toe-tapping music, pony rides (additional charge), a pumpkin roll race (1 p.m. - ages 12 and under), and a potato sack race (1:15 p.m. - ages 12 and under).



Summer Sewer Rates



During the billing months of July through October our utility customers receive a discount on the sewer portion of their bill. The Summer Sewage Rate begins after the water meter is read at the beginning of May and ends after the meter is read at the beginning of September. The rate is reflected on the bills received in July through October. Customers are always charged for all the water they consume, but are charged their average from the winter months for their sewer use.



Anyone filling a pool or hot tub prior to May 1 or after September 1 should contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office with beginning and ending meter readings prior to and after filling the pool or hot tub: (219) 322-2211 Ext. 5.