

THE SCHERERVILLE CROSSROADS



What's Happening in Town



FEBRUARY

- 10 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 Plan Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
- 3 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session, 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety, 7 p.m.
- 10 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.

- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

APRIL

- 1 Board of Safety Study Session, 5:30 p.m.; Board of Safety, 7 p.m.
- 2 Good Friday, Town Hall closed
- 7 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 14 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 19 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 26 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

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Once the profile is created, when you call 9-1-1 your SOUTHCOM DISPATCH center will be able to view this information, Wynkoop said.

"Your information is safe and secure and can only be viewed if you call 9-1-1 and during that emergency call," she said. "Once the call is over, your information cannot be accessed again until you make another emergency call."

You may also receive alerts for severe weather, utility disruptions

and major traffic incidents – all powered by Smart911® for SOUTHCOM and Lake County Homeland Security. In addition to emergency alerts, you can choose to receive community notifications customized to your needs and interests.

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EMERGENCY ALERTS



HOUSEHOLD INFO



MEDICAL HISTORY



PETS & SERVICE ANIMALS



EMERGENCY CONTACTS



VULNERABLE NEEDS

Protect and prepare your family. Download the app or sign up online today.



Tom Schmitt, Councilmember Ward 4



Rob Guetzloff, Councilmember Ward 3



Robin Arvanitis, Councilmember Ward 1



Kevin Connelly, Councilmember Ward 2



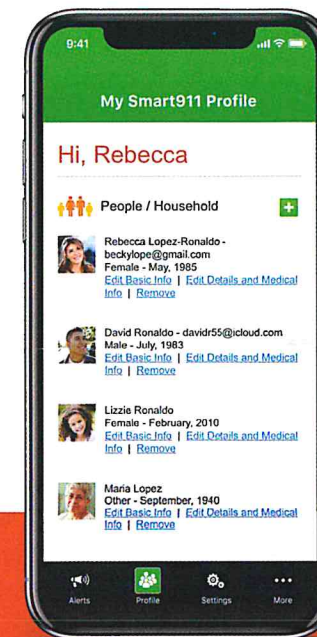
Caleb Johnson, Councilmember Ward 5



Mike Troxell, Clerk-Treasurer



Randy Wyllie, Judge, Schererville Town Court



Keep your loved ones safe with the Smart911® app.

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to share valuable information with 9-1-1 during an emergency. You can also receive important alerts from your community so you can prepare for any situation.

Stay connected with RAVE Mobile Alert & Smart911® app

Keep you and your loved ones safe by signing up for the Smart911® app at www.smart911.com. This free service allows you to receive alerts from the Town of Schererville and Lake County municipalities that are part of the RAVE Mobile Smart911® system. You can receive notifications by voice mail, email or text – it's up to you.

And you don't have to have a smart phone for this service. Alerts can be sent to your land line as voice mails.

Here's how it works: Smart911® lets you create a private and secure safety profile including information you may want 9-1-1 to have in an

emergency such as allergies, medication lists, household information, medical history, pets and service animals, vulnerable needs, and emergency contacts. You can also add photos.

"For seniors, we recommend having a friend or family member assist during sign up. They can provide the assistant's name and email address, so when it is time to update their Safety Profile, Smart911® will notify them to help ensure the profile is up to date and accurate," said Kelly Wynkoop, SOUTHCOM Manager with the Schererville Police Department. "If the senior citizen has a land line instead of a mobile phone, that telephone number can be entered when signing up."

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Schererville Fire Department rolls out new equipment



New equipment put into service this year helps members of the Schererville Fire Department respond to emergencies.

The department took delivery of a brand new Horton Ambulance that was put right into service, said Fire Chief Robert Patterson.

The new ambulance, which is an EMS (emergency medical services) vehicle, rotates between Station 1 at 1650 Cline Avenue and Station 2 at 280 Plum Creek Drive, the Chief said.

During the summer, the department also took delivery of a new 2020 E-One Typhoon Engine, Patterson said.

"This engine has a Hale Pump that pumps out 2,000 gallons of water per minute," he noted, adding that this new engine is housed at Station 1, which is also the Fire Department headquarters.

The Schererville Fire Department also has Station 3, which is located at 1949 Springvale Drive, south of U.S. 30 and just off Burr Street.

All firefighters in Schererville are cross-trained to provide emergency medical services as well as firefighting duties, Chief Patterson said. A fire truck will generally respond to all calls involving life-threatening symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, chest pains, severe bleeding and all motor vehicle crashes in order to assist the ambulance crew.

"In many medical situations, it takes more than two personnel to tend to a victim," he said. "For example, if a person fell and needed to be immobilized, it takes a minimum of three personnel to properly perform this task. In addition, when the ambulance transports a patient to the hospital, the fire truck still has paramedics on board and paramedic equipment to respond to a new call for assistance."

Volunteers invited to apply at Schererville's Animal Control Shelter to help care for dogs, cats

Do you love taking care of dogs and cats? Volunteers are now being invited to apply to the Schererville Police Department's Animal Control Shelter to help take care of the dogs and cats currently housed at this no-kill shelter located at 548 Kaeser Boulevard, off Kennedy Avenue and Joliet Street.



Among the duties shelter volunteers will perform include feeding, exercising and playing with the animals, cleaning, administering medication, brushing, grooming, and bathing, said Schererville Police Chief Peter Sormaz.

"They will also perform administrative duties such as keeping logs of what tasks are completed and answering phones," Chief Sormaz said.

All volunteers will work under the direction of Angela Malinowski, Animal Control Director, he said.

"There will be a background check for each person who volunteers," Chief Sormaz said. "Volunteers are coming into a restrictive area that is part of the police department."

Shelter hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday with limited hours on the weekends, he said.

You can fill out an application by contacting Malinowski at (219) 865-6992 or emailing AC@schererville.org.

"Angela will provide the complete details," Chief Sormaz said.

The Animal Control Department takes in stray animals that are in need of new loving homes, said Malinowski, who works with Jamie Fritz, full-time Animal Control Officer, and part-time Animal Control Officer Kristina Bewley.

"We have many cats, kitten and dogs to choose from. They are all lovable and looking for their new forever families," she said. "Schererville Animal Control is committed to help pets in need through sheltering, adoption, education, spay/neuter, and community outreach."



Schererville Animal Shelter

548 Kaeser Blvd., Schererville

We are in need of:

-  Laundry Detergent & Bleach
-  Towels & Blankets
-  Dog Food & Cat Food
-  Litter



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