



THE SCHERERVILLE CROSSROADS



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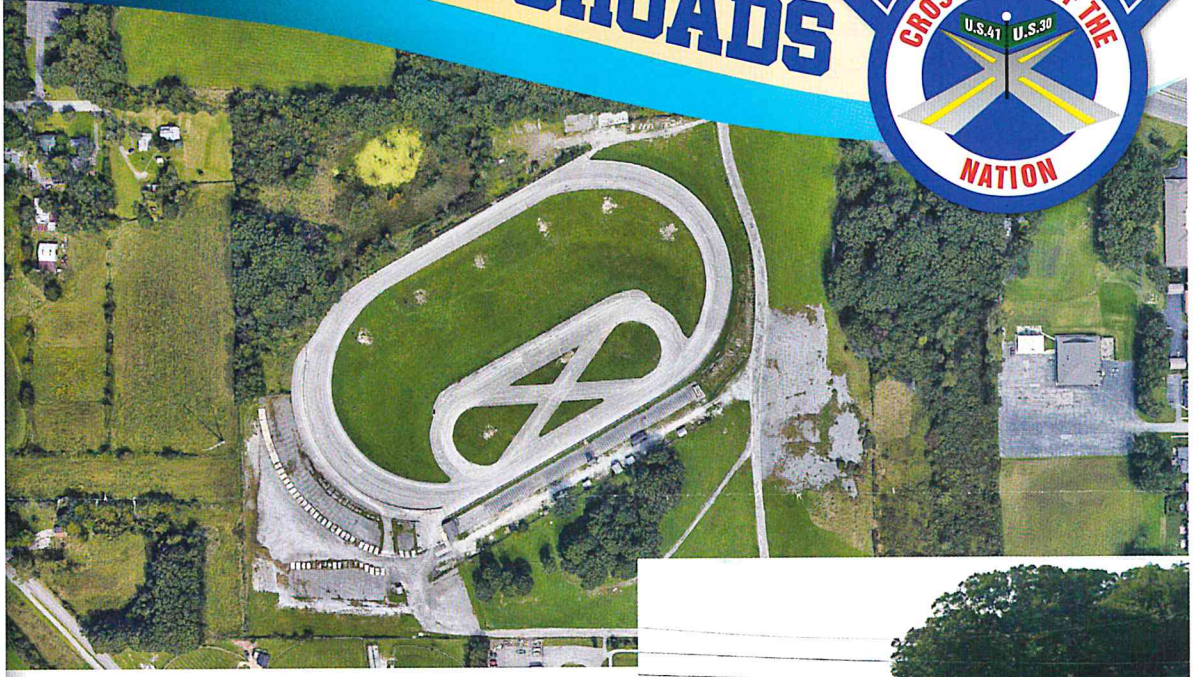
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Schererville moving ahead with plans to transform old Illiana Motor Speedway into a Business Park

"We don't want a retail center," Town Manager Bob Volkmann said as the Town is moving ahead with plans to transform the old Illiana Motor Speedway along U.S. 30 into a business park.

Schererville is teaming up with the Lake County Economic Alliance (LCEA) to prepare and publish a request for proposals to redevelop the property, said Volkmann. The Schererville Town Council voted unanimously to proceed with this plan on July 14.

"Speaking with Karen Lauerman and Don Kolibowski of the LCEA, they report that they constantly field calls about interest in Northwest Indiana. Illiana is a perfect location to promote economic development for Schererville's future. We're going to go in that direction and are willing to work with developers interested in economic opportunities in the town. Our goal is to have a Business Park that accommodates professional corporate offices, medical offices and light manufacturing type businesses," Volkmann said.

Teaming up with the LCEA on the requests for proposals will allow developers to present their



vision for the site and how the town and developer can work together to facilitate the business park.

"We are not considering this area for retail development. The Town's vision is to foster a professional development that includes green space and complements the surrounding areas," Volkmann said.

"Our planned timeline to receive proposals is sometime in September. We'll have to verify that the LCEA feels that this is feasible," Volkmann said.

Volkmann said redeveloping this site will require extensive work including installing streets, a drainage system, storm and sanitary sewers and other infrastructure.

"This site is strategically located along U.S. 30 in Schererville," he said. "There's convenient access to I-65, U.S. 41, IL 394 and to I-80/94. It's a great location."

Eagle Scout project honors those who served in U.S. Military

Area residents have begun bringing photos of loved ones who served in the U.S. military to Schererville Town Hall to display on the Military Wall of Honor, the newly-completed Eagle Scout project created by 17-year old Mark Metz.

"I am thankful for the men and women who have served our country. I would like to honor them," said Metz about his Eagle Scout project. This project also allows him to thank town officials and leaders of Scout Troop #532 for their support and encouragement, he said.

"This project was suggested to me by one of my Scout leaders and mentor, Bob Jurgeto," said Metz, a St. John resident who will begin his senior year at Lake Central High School on Aug. 10. "I want to thank him for being my coach and helping me along with this project. I also want to thank Scout Leader Todd Schmidt."

Encouragement also came from Town Manager Robert Volkmann. "I wanted to do this because Mr. Volkmann was very passionate about getting it done," Metz said.



"I am very proud of Mark's accomplishment," Volkmann said. "We hope more residents will continue to bring in photos of those who have served in any branch of the U.S. military from any time period. This is a wonderful way to honor them and to thank Mark for all his hard work and dedication."

To create the Military Wall of Honor, Metz built three 4-foot by 5-foot frames from wood and filled them with cork. Next he fastened the three boards to a wall at Schererville Town Hall. Finally, a "Hometown Heroes" sign flanked by patriotic stars was placed above the boards.

Ideally the photos brought in to Schererville Town Hall for display will be 5x7 inch photos or smaller, Metz said. Those photos will be attached to the Military Wall of Honor with thumbtacks or staples.

Metz, who began as a Cub Scout, said, "It would mean a lot for me to have this big of an achievement, to reach the rank of Eagle Scout. It's a great honor and accomplishment that will help me in the future."

That future definitely includes going to college "possibly Purdue," he said. "I am still deciding on a major."

NIPSCO donates \$10K to Schererville Civic Funds

A recent \$10,000 donation by NIPSCO to the Schererville Civic Funds "is a God-send because donations that large are rare. It will have a lasting effect," said Thomas Anderson, President of the Schererville Civic Funds all-volunteer board.

Rick Calinski, Director of Public Affairs and Economic Development for NIPSCO, presented the check to members of the Schererville Civic Funds board during the June 9 Schererville Town Council meeting. In addition to Anderson, Schererville Civic Funds members present at that meeting included Hal Slager, Civic Funds Treasurer, and Ed Fesenmyer, a long-time board member.

"Rick is a Schererville resident, and he wants to help in the town," Anderson said.

A brochure about the mission of the Schererville Civic Funds always goes out in the water bill in December, Anderson noted, which helped acquaint Calinski with how the organization helps Schererville residents.

"The Schererville Civic Funds has been around for 65 years. We help our Schererville residents with food certificates at the holidays. We also help with NIPSCO bills, water bills and rent," Anderson said.

"We have a storehouse of medical equipment that is supplied for free to those in need, and we provide educational grants for Schererville high school seniors who need help with college tuition," he said.

Donations of any amount are appreciated, Anderson said. "Ninety-five percent of every dollar goes directly to Schererville residents in need," he added.



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Lake Hills Fire Dept. now provides Advanced Life Support to St. John Township residents

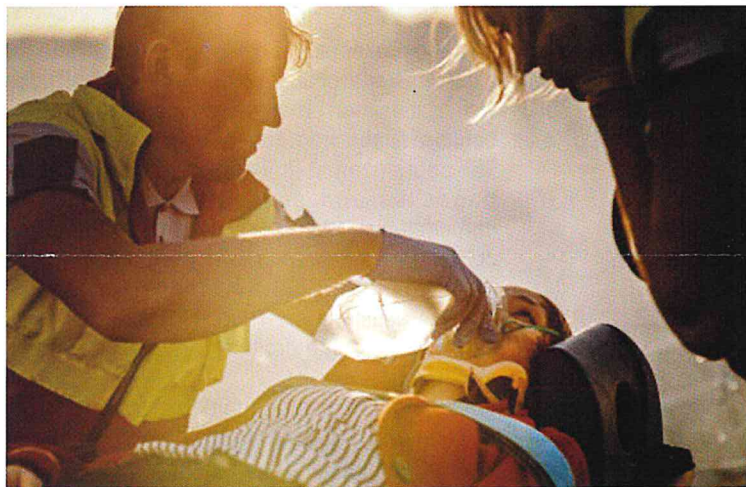
Thanks to funding approved on March 30 by the St. John Township Board, the Lake Hills Fire Department, located at 9105 W. 85th Ave. in Schererville, now provides Advanced Life Support emergency services to residents of St. John Township.

"St. John Township residents will now have the same care as the surrounding communities," said Lake Hills Fire Chief Shane Adams about the change from Basic Life Support.

"We are very excited and happy to be able to provide this service to our residents," Chief Adams said. "This has been possible due to the overwhelming support by the St. John Township Trustee Cathy J. Lareau and Munster Community Hospital."



The Lake Hills Fire Department started ambulance service in 1993 with the ambulance staffed by all-volunteer firefighters/Emergency Medical Technicians, he said. Then in 2013 the Fire Department started staffing the ambulance with two EMT's on Mondays through Fridays during the day.



"We have slowly been adding on shifts and hours throughout the years, and we have been working on funding so we could provide Advanced Life Support," Chief Adams said. "Until this transition, the Lake Hills Fire Department has had to rely on the surrounding fire departments for Advanced Life Support. The surrounding fire departments have done an outstanding job helping us in this capacity, and we would like to thank them for this."

St. John Township Trustee Cathy J. Lareau said when she was elected to the township leadership office in 2019 she and Chief Adams "discussed the need for the fire department to provide

Advanced Life Support emergency services to the residents of St. John Township. This required additional funding from the Trustee's office."

Lareau said she met with accountants who specialize in municipalities' budgeting to explore how to provide this additional funding.

"Based on their recommendations, I was able to work within the current tax rate to allocate additional funding to the 2020 budget. The St. John Township Board supported that budget appropriation," Lareau said.

"In 2020 with this additional funding, Lake Hills Fire Department moved to staffing the fire department 24/7," she said. "This resulted in quicker response times in getting to the aid of those in need."

Preparing the budget for the calendar year 2021, Lareau said she again worked with the current tax rate to provide additional funding for the Lake Hills fire services.

"The Township Board completely supported the budget," she said. "I am honored to have been able to work with the St. John Township Board Members Mike Aurelio, Lisa Elders and Dan Bielski, and Chief Adams on this huge accomplishment."

Chief Adams also thanked the St. John Township Board, and Dr. Jonathan Garoza, EMS Medical Director, and Thomas Bettenhausen, EMS Coordinator, of Munster Community Hospital "for the hard work and commitment to make this happen."



scherverville parks & recreation

KIDS NIGHT OUT - POKEMON PAJAMA PARTY (FOR AGES 4-10)

FRIDAY, AUG. 13 5:30-10 P.M.
**SCHERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER,
500 E. JOLIET ST.**

Gotta catch them all! Calling ALL Pokémon trainers! KIDS NIGHT OUT HAS RETURNED!! It's the perfect opportunity for the kiddos to enjoy larger-than-life games, activities and more with everything about Pokémon, and a movie as a finale on the BIG SCREEN! (And all without parents!) Dinner, dessert, and snacks will be provided, too. Register now at www.scherville.org because this event will sell out! The fee is \$19 for residents/\$22.80 for non-residents.

SCHERVILLE'S TOUCH-A-TRUCK 2021

SATURDAY, AUG. 14 11 A.M.-2 P.M.
REDAR PARK, 217 GREGORY ST.

Schererville Parks Touch-a-Truck is back!! Has your child ever asked to see a fire truck, semi-truck or front-end loader? This is your chance to bring your children to our Touch-a-Truck event. They will have the opportunity to touch, see inside, and maybe even climb through various "big" trucks! This interactive event begins at 11 a.m. and features more than 15 trucks, a live DJ, food trucks, crafters and vendors, a face painter, bounce houses and more!!

If interested in being a vendor for this amazing event, email us at jbarnes@scherville.org

SCHERVILLE MARKET

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS, JUNE THROUGH
OCT. 6, 3-8 P.M.**

SCHERVILLE PARK, 500 E. JOLIET ST.

From trinkets to treasures, goodies to foodies, one-of-a-kinds to unique finds – you'll discover it all at the Scherville Market at Scherville Park this summer and fall. This quaint and cozy park is located east of downtown Scherville right off Joliet Street in front of the Scherville Community Center and Sherwood Golf. Check out the crafts, devour delicious treats from food trucks, enjoy live music, experience the scenery on the winding walking trail, re-live the history of the Hilbrich Log Cabin and so much more!

Interested crafters & food trucks can email us at jbarnes@scherville.org for an application.

TANG SOO DO KARATE (FOR AGES 4-10)

**TUESDAYS, AUG. 17 THROUGH SEPT. 21
5:30-7:15 P.M.**

SCHERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our children's martial arts programs are high-energy, fun and interactive. Martial arts classes go far beyond just kicking and punching. Our classes focus on character development, physical fitness, and self-defense – with the primary goal of building a child's discipline, self-confidence, and self esteem. The training at our school emphasizes

encouragement and positive correction, and we work hard to ensure all students are treated with dignity and shown respect.

Our instructors, under the direction of 4th degree Black Belt master instructor Adam Theros, will teach curriculum that is fun, challenging, and aligns with Northwest Indiana Martial Arts Academy and the World Tang Soo Do Association. When you join our club, you become a part of a world-wide organization with more than 200,000 members.

Champion Squires, ages 4-6, will attend classes from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Junior Knights, ages 7-10, will take lessons from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

The fee is \$49 for residents and \$58.80 for non-residents. Register at www.scherville.org.

FREE YOGA IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18 5-6 P.M.

SCHERVILLE PARK

Free Yoga in the Park is back and has teamed up with our Scherville Market! Join instructor Aly Juran as we bring back this fit favorite near the log cabin behind the Community Center, 500 E. Joliet St. Enjoy the beautiful scenery while challenging yourself to be the best you can be! Please bring a water bottle and your own Yoga mat. Plus AFTER the event, you can shop till you drop and enjoy your favorite food truck goodies.

RHYTHM & ROCK FREE CONCERT WITH FINAL SAY!

FRIDAY, AUG. 20 5-9 P.M.

REDAR PARK

Who's ready for Live Music, Beer, Food Trucks and MORE?? Scherville Parks is closing out this year's Party in the Park series with another mash up of Rhythm & Rock Party in the Park featuring Final Say!! This event which kicks off at 5 p.m. has something for all ages....

- Final Say takes to the stage from 6-9 p.m.
- Beer Garden featuring Region Ale
- Food Trucks
- PNP Pop Ups with Crafters and Vendors
- FREE Giant Yard Games
- FREE Giant Bubble Making
- FREE visits with Disney Characters
- Bounce Houses
- Balloontacular
- Tattoo Artist and more!!

Interested food truck vendors can email us at jbarnes@scherville.org

POKEMON PAINTING CLASS (ALL AGES)

SATURDAY, AUG. 21 11 A.M.-1 P.M.

SCHERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Who's that Pokémon??? Are you ready to catch 'em all????!! The Pokémon Painting class has returned with instructor Chris Hnatusko! Sign up the entire family and choose to paint Bulbasaur, Squirtle or Gengar! Registration is required for each

participant wanting his and her own canvas and supplies. All materials are provided. There's a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 50 participants for this class. The fee is \$30 for residents and \$36 for non-residents. Register at www.scherville.org.

EVENING UNDER THE STARS 2021

FRIDAY, AUG. 27 5-9 P.M.

REDAR PARK

Join us for an enchanting free 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" music. "Bopology" will perform from 7-9 p.m. Enjoy gastronomic goodies available for purchase from food trucks. Beer and wine are permitted, so BYOB (of beer or wine only)! Here's what else to bring – cash for vendors (no ATM on site), bug spray, blankets and chairs.

PENNSY BIKE RIDE 'UNDER THE STARS'

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 10 P.M.

ROHRMAN PARK, 6750 ROHRMAN ROAD

Join the Munster and Scherville Parks and Recreation Departments for a ride "under the stars" on the Pennsy Greenway Trail! This 15-mile organized bike ride starts at 10 p.m. from Rohrman Park in Scherville and heads northwest on the Pennsy Greenway Trail to Munster's Centennial Park for a mid-point pit-stop. Once the riders have completed the first half, the return trip will start with a night ride through the Centennial Park golf course before hopping back onto the Pennsy to return to Rohrman Park. Bike lights and helmets are highly recommended for all participants.

Registration will be accepted by both Munster Parks and Scherville Parks. The deadline to register is 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. All registered participants will be entered into a drawing for various prizes. The cost is \$10 per person. Register at www.scherville.org.

FOUR WINDS CASINO, NEW BUFFALO, MICHIGAN BUS TRIP

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

Join us as we travel to the Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan. We will depart from the Scherville Community Center, 500 Joliet St., at 11 a.m. and return to the Community Center at 6 p.m. Each participant will receive a \$10 food voucher and \$15 for slot play. The AYCE prime rib and shrimp meal begins at 3 p.m., and the food vouchers ARE valid for this AYCE meal. Round-trip coach bus transportation is also included. A valid government-issued picture ID is required the day of the trip. TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE. MASKS ARE REQUIRED. The deadline to register is 10 days before the trip (by Aug. 31). There's a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 55 participants. The fee is \$35 for residents/\$42 for non-residents. Register at www.scherville.org.

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Dyer-Schererville Library now offering in-person services, activities

Since May 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down so many in-person activities, the Lake County Public Library has gradually resumed those in-person services and activities as dictated by guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

In August nearly all materials and services will again be available at the Dyer-Schererville Branch Library, 1001 W. Lincoln Hwy (U.S. 30), Schererville, said Chris Rettig, Branch Manager.

That will include 16 public Web computers with up to six hours of use per person per day. Four quiet study rooms now provide a place for groups of one to four people to meet for up to two hours. Tables and chairs are also back in the library, just waiting to be used, Rettig said.

"The library has provided online ZOOM events throughout the pandemic," she said. "But now our staff has had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, so we will start offering more indoor, in-person programming in August and September."

Rettig encourages Schererville residents to visit www.lcpln.org to view and register for all upcoming programs.

Due to staff shortages throughout the Lake County library system, hours that the Dyer-Schererville Branch is open are still limited, Rettig noted.

Those hours are as follows:

- From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
- From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

"Before and after hours, call (219) 322-4731, ext. 4, to leave a voicemail message with your question or request, and librarians will return calls as soon as possible," Rettig said.

"Even though the library is open for walk-ins, curbside delivery remains the safest option to pick up books and DVDs that have been reserved online or over the phone using your library card," she added.



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COUNTRY CRITTER AFFAIR 2021 (MASH UP) SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 11 A.M.-9 P.M. EDAR PARK

Check out below! It's time for a MASH UP!! We are mashing up Country-A-Fair and Spiders in the park! Join Schererville Parks for a full day of activities and adventures including live band performances, a beer garden, a free petting zoo, food trucks, pony rides, crafters and vendors, free potato sack races, free whipped cream eating contest, free pumpkin rolling races, free visits with Superheroes, free giant yard games and bubble making, free themed crafts, bounce houses, and more! Plus the Arachnophobia movie begins its creepy crawling screening starting at 3:30 p.m. This will be a packed event, so come early and stay late!!

*Interested vendors can email us at arnes@scherrerville.org**

AUGATUCK, MICHIGAN BUS TRIP FRIDAY, SEPT. 24 8 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

Take a trip to beautiful Saugatuck, Michigan, and enjoy shopping, art galleries and antiques. Walk along the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan and take in the scenic wonders. The trip includes round-trip coach bus transportation. We will depart at 8 a.m. from the Schererville Community

Center, 500 Joliet St., and return at 5:30 p.m. There's a minimum of 33 and a maximum of 55 participants. The cost is \$39 for residents/+20% for non-residents. Sign up at www.schererville.org.

POKEMON PANCAKE BREAKFASTS SATURDAY, OCT. 2 AT 9 A.M. or SUNDAY, OCT. 3 AT 9 A.M.

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Are your children Pokémon Masters? Do they love and enjoy trying to "Catch them all"? Then join us as we celebrate the magical world of Pokémon at the Pokémon Pancake Party!! Bring your appetite as we enjoy a full breakfast. Kids can also decorate their own pumpkin and enjoy a free craft while they wait for the arrival of the Pokémon!! Don't forget your camera – there will be plenty of photo ops!! **Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.** Seating will be assigned based on those registered as indicated on your receipt, with a maximum of 8 registrants designated to sit at one table. Registered parties of 3 or less may be required to share a table with another party. These tables will not exceed 6 registrants. Please adhere to social distancing as much as possible throughout the event.

This fun event will feature a pancake and sausage breakfast, Pokémon meet & greet, Pokémon

coloring, Pokémon craft, pumpkin decorating for each registered child, a costume contest raffle, as well as a balloon artist, face painter and Usborne books available from Family-Friendly vendors.

The doors open at 8:50 a.m. and a breakfast of pancakes and sausage will be served immediately. The pumpkin decorating, Pokémon coloring and Pokémon crafts will be available from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Pokémon Meet & Greet sessions are from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The costume contest raffle will be drawn at 10 a.m.

There is a 175-person limit. The fee is \$14 for residents, \$16.80 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL BUS TRIP FRIDAY, OCT. 8 7 A.M.-7 P.M.

Enjoy all of the fall colors, crafts, antiques, flea markets, food and more as we spend the day at the Covered Bridge Festival in Rockville and Bridgeton, Indiana. *Please note – this trip requires a lot of walking.* The trip includes round-trip coach bus transportation. We will depart from the Schererville Community Center, 500 Joliet St., at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. There is a minimum of 33 and a maximum of 55 participants. The fee is \$46 for residents/+20% for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.



What's Happening in Town



AUGUST 2021

- 11 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 14 Touch-A-Truck, Redar Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 16 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 18 Schererville Market 2021, Scherwood Park, 3-8 p.m.
- 20 Rhythm & Rock @Redar Park!, 5-9 p.m.
- 23 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 Schererville Market 2021, Scherwood Park, 3-8 p.m.
- 1 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 2 Board of Safety Meeting 7 p.m.
- 3 Rhythm & Rock @Redar Park!, 5-9 p.m.
- 6 Labor Day – Town Hall closed
- 6 Plan Commission Meeting 6 p.m. (tentative)

- 8 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 15 Schererville Market 2021, Scherwood Park, 3-8 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 2021

- 4 Plan Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 7 Board of Safety Meeting 7 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 6 p.m.

Celebrate Schererville Festival 'a huge success'

The Celebrate Schererville Festival at Redar Park was definitely the place to be June 9 through June 13.

"We estimated about 50,000 were in attendance over that five days! It was a huge success," said Josh Barnes, Recreation Coordinator with the Schererville Parks & Recreation Department, about the town's first major festival since the COVID-19 pandemic shut down so much across the nation.

"A new amusement company – Modern Midways – provided all new rides this year," Barnes said. And for the first time ever, Schererville Parks introduced the MEGAPASS wristband, which allowed festival-goers unlimited rides for the pre-sale price of \$50.

Festival-goers, ages 21 and older, also enjoyed a bigger beer garden this year, operated by Firefighters Local 4279. In addition, BINGO games sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council 12177 were



a hit at the festival. And foodies of all ages nibbled and noshed on goodies provided by a variety of vendors.

When it came to music, the Celebrate Schererville Festival offered a wide range of bands and soloists appearing on stage including Vintage Postcard, Chronic Flannel, PRX 5, Dick Diamond, Saturday June Band, Mr. Funnyman, Nate Venturelli, Echoes of Pompeii, Salted Coffee Band, and Nicole Jamrose.

"This was definitely the way to celebrate our town and bring people back together," Barnes said.