



What's Happening in Town

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February

- 9: Board of Safety 7 p.m.
- 10: Mother-Son Dance at the Schererville Community Center 6-9 p.m.
- 11: Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Schererville Community Center 6-9 p.m.
- 20: Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 23: Health and Wellness Fair at the Schererville Community Center 3-7 p.m.
- 27: Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

March

- 1: Park Board 6 p.m.
- 6: Plan Commission 6 p.m.
- 8: Redevelopment Commission, Waterworks Board, Utility Board, Town Council 7 p.m.
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April

- 3: Plan Commission 6 p.m.
- 5: Park Board 6 p.m.

25th Annual
SCHERERVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARDI GRAS
Madness
FAT TUESDAY
Fashion Show & Silent Auction



February 28, 2017

Boutiques 4:00 • Cocktails 5:00 • Dinner 7:00

Villa Cesare | 900 Eagle Ridge Dr., Schererville

Donation \$35 • Reservation & Payment Deadline Feb. 17, 2017 • No tickets available at the door
Portion of Proceeds to Benefit Schererville Schools www.46375.org • 219-322-5412



KEEP YOUR ANIMALS SAFE

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Do not leave pets outside when the temperature drops. During walks short-haired dogs may require a sweater in order to keep warm. However, no matter what the temperature is, the wind-chill can threaten a pet's life. Pets are sensitive to cold and are at risk of frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold scraps. Exposed skin on noses and paw pads can quickly freeze and cause permanent damage.

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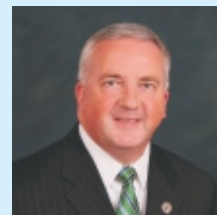
David DeJong Joins Town Council



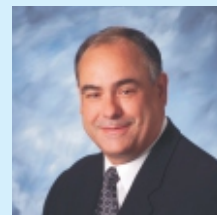
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David DeJong, Councilman Ward 1



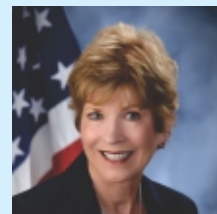
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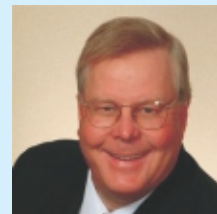
Rob Guetzloff, Councilman Ward 3



Tom Schmitt, Councilman Ward 4



Janice Malinowski, Clerk-Treasurer



Kenneth Anderson
Judge, Schererville Town Court

David DeJong was elected by the Schererville Republican Precinct organization to take over the remaining three years of Jerry Tippy's term as Ward 1 Councilman on the Schererville Town Council. He takes over for Jerry who was elected as Lake County Commissioner serving south Lake County in November.



accountant, financial analyst and technology manager in the gaming, transportation and logistics industries where his duties included filing tax returns and maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations. David opened and now manages Wildrose Brewing Company in Griffith; plus he also brews many of their signature beers.

David grew up along the state line in Lansing, and his wife, Karen, grew up in South Holland.

After they married, the couple lived in Hessville for seven years. They built their dream home in Prairie Estates where the DeJong family has lived for the past 12 years.

For more than 20 years David worked as an

In starting Wildrose, David had to obtain both state and federal permits to operate a brewery, found the location, and researched and acquired the equipment needed to manufacture beer.

David is looking forward to working on the Schererville Town Council utilizing his experience and expertise to serve the citizens of his home community.

Parks Programs, Trips and Events

We've made it about halfway through another winter but spring is still a bit too far off to ease our pain. However, take solace in the fact we are now closer to the end than the beginning. There are so many aspects of winter that can weigh on a person: the bitter cold, digging your car out of the snow and, of course the early dark, but perhaps the worst part of winter is the isolation. The weather conditions force us indoors; and plans are often dependent on what severity lies on the other of that door. Thankfully, as always the Schererville Parks Department has several programs, classes, trips and events to help both

kids and adults shake free from the dreaded cabin fever.

There are options aplenty, whether it is a Yoga or Pilates class or a trip to the Four Winds Casino to do a little gambling to get that blood pumping. There is a little something for everyone. The kids can enjoy crafts, gymnastics, the Little Dragons program and so much more. For more information on programs, cases, trips and events, including times, dates and locations please visit the website at www.schererville.org or www.activenwi.com to sign up.



February is American Heart Month and the Parks Department will host a Health and Wellness Fair on February 23. There will be resource booths, screenings, lectures, stress relief techniques, healthy cooking demos and heart healthy refreshments.

Don't miss an opportunity to get some valuable information about maintaining a healthy heart and a healthy life. This is a **FREE** event being held at the Schererville Community Center from 3-7 p.m.



Household Water Leaks

CAUSES, DETECTION & PREVENTION

There are several different reasons a property can have a water leak. The most common problems are found with toilets, faucets, showerheads, water heaters, humidifiers, icemakers, irrigation systems, pools and/or fountains.

The average leaky toilet can waste up to and even exceed 200 gallons per day. That's 6,000 gallons used per month! Toilets can have a leak that you do not hear or detect since the water flows down the sewer. You may not know that you have an issue until you have high usage.

Even small leaks add up fast. A faucet leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes 526 gallons per year. That's equivalent to using the water it takes to do 63 loads of dishes in your dishwasher. A faucet with a worse leak at 60 drips per minutes wastes 192 gallons per month.

There are some very easy ways to detect a leak in your household. Two ways to detect a leak are dye testing the toilets and by checking out your meter reading.

Dye testing toilets can be done at any time by doing the following:

- Place a couple drops of food coloring in the tank of your toilet.
- Do not flush and wait about 15 minutes.
- If the coloring starts to appear in the

bowl of the toilet, there is a leak and some parts need to be changed out.

- After you are done investigating, please flush the toilet to make sure the coloring clears out of the tank and does not stain your toilet.

Check your meter reading:

- Locate your meter inside your property.
- The best time to do this is at night when you are not using water. Take the reading from your meter and do not use any water.
- Overnight, when no water is being used, the reading on your meter should stay the same and not move. If your meter reading is different in the morning, you have had water run through your meter. This is an indication of something leaking.

Other Leak Prevention Tips

- Check outside spigots; make sure to disconnect hoses to prevent freezing pipes.
- Check for pooling water in the yard if you have an irrigation system.
- Turn off water from inside if you plan on being away for an extended amount of time, especially in cold weather to prevent pipes freezing or bursting while you are away.
- Check your basements and crawlspaces for moisture and/or standing water.



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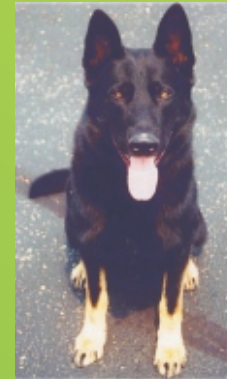
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Schererville Police Department K9 Program Honored



Matt Djukic and Anthony Buonadonna have served as K9 officers and handlers for the Schererville Police Department. Officer Djukic joined the Schererville Police Department in September 1996, and Officer Buonadonna joined in November 2001.



Officer Djukic had his K9 partner, Baron, for almost seven years, and Officer Buonadonna had Clark for almost ten years. Both dogs were officially retired in December 2016, and ownership was transferred to their handlers as personal pets.

Baron and Clark are both German Shepherds, born in Germany. They were trained as dual-purpose dogs: tracking and narcotics detection. The shepherds were used by their handlers for their own self-initiated activity, traffic stops or service calls, and were also available to assist all officers of the Schererville Police Department.

One of the two K9 officers was also on-call if assistance was needed after normal working hours, or on days off. Additionally, Schererville Police Department K9's are made available to outside agencies on an as-needed basis with supervisor approval. Our K9 officers make numerous appearances for a wide variety of organizations in Schererville, and conduct demonstrations for schools and civic groups every year. They also work most, if not all, Town of Schererville festivals and events, such as Celebrate Schererville, Fourth of July Fireworks, and National Night Out.

K9 officers undergo rigorous training for six weeks upon their initial assignment with a dog. Each officer

also trains his dog on an ongoing basis at home, and attends structured training twice a month, regardless of weather conditions.

Due to the impending retirement of both Baron and Clark the Schererville Police Department recently completed a K9 Officer

selection process. Officer Buonadonna will continue as a K9 Officer in 2017, and Officer Donald Jacob Parker was selected as the second K9 Officer. Both Officers will begin their basic K9 handler school in early 2017 at Von Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana.

During the selection process, the decision was also made to seek funding for an a third K9 team. In 2016, Officer Buonadonna was assigned to the newly-formed Crime Reduction Enforcement Unit (CREU), which focuses on narcotics interdiction and investigations. Having two K9 teams in the Patrol Division on regular shift rotation will make this specialty unit more available and reduce the need for call-outs.

The department relies heavily on donations from individuals and corporations to fund the initial purchase of K9's, since that is not a line item in the police department budget. The price of the dog is normally around \$15,000 and equipping a police car with the necessary equipment to house and deploy the dog can exceed \$8,000. Other miscellaneous expenses including equipment, veterinarian fees and even food can add up quickly. Many generous citizens have come forward in the past to help make our K9 program a success. In fact Clark was named after the family that funded his purchase.



Keep Your Animals Safe Through Winter

Protect Paws from Salt

The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's paws. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his or her mouth. There is pet friendly salt that can be found at your local pet store.

Avoid Antifreeze Poisoning

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and keep antifreeze and other household chemicals out of arms reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene and glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family members.

Be Careful with Cats, Wildlife and Cars

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife to crawl under the hood in order to stay warm. To avoid injuring any small hidden animals, bang on the hood of your car to scare the animals away before starting your engine.

Keep the Pets Indoors

The best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but kept inside the rest of the time.