



# Schererville Neighborhood Watch

January 2024 – 1/08 to 1/15



SCHERERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 219-322-5000

25 E. JOLIET ST. SCHERERVILLE IN 46375

## Safety Tips

January is Bath Safety month, reminding you to take some extra precautions and save yourselves from home injuries. Bathing is such a routine activity that we often neglect to take proper precautions while we're in what is absolutely one of the most dangerous places in our homes. But there are a lot of things we can do to minimize the risk of injury in the bath. And many of these precautions are especially important for the very young and the very old. Safety bars — or grab handles — and non-slip mats inside the tub or shower are just two of the most effective and most common ways to stay safe in our soapy havens.

*According to one report, 4,866 people drowned to death in a bathtub in 2014, up from 2,870 in 2004.*



## HOW TO OBSERVE NATIONAL BATH SAFETY MONTH

### 1. Install no-slip mats in the bath

These are low-cost — but absolutely necessary — additions to the bath. They're a simple solution that helps prevent slips in the tub. And put small no-slip rugs outside the bath, too.

### 2. Safety (handles) first

Install a couple of safety handles in the bath and near the toilet to prevent slips and falls and to assist those who need it from entering and exiting the tub or shower. They're also a good idea for helping those who have difficulty standing up from the toilet.

### 3. Childproof the bathroom

Make sure items intended for adults — sharp razors, clippers, tweezers — are kept safely stored in the bathroom and away from curious hands of little ones.

# News & Information

With the snowy season upon us, the Schererville Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors to remove their vehicles from the roadway when snowfall exceeds 2 inches. This allows the roadways to remain clear for Public Works to plow properly.

## Sec. 8-62 Special Regulations for Street Work and Snow Removal.

The Public Works Director is given the power to post temporary signs reading "No Parking - Street Work" along any street which he intends to sweep, clear, or work within the succeeding 24 hours. The street commissioner shall post every street that he intends to work on with said signs prior to 4 PM of the preceding day.

All vehicles shall be removed before 7 AM of the day the street is to be worked on.

Snow removal. No person shall park any vehicle on any street within the corporate limits of the town, whenever there is two (2") inches or more of snow thereon, until said snow is removed. Any vehicle which is parked on said streets when the depth of the snow exceeds two (2") inches may be towed away in the manner provided in this Chapter.

All streets are affected.

[(Schererville Town Code, § 8-5-15) (See Also § 8-71 of this Code)]



Representing Schererville PD:  
Cpl. Alvarez with K-9 Hawk, Chief Sormaz, Deputy  
Chief McNamara

We would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to Don Sochacki, along with Vince, Steve and Marian, from Absolute Construction for their EXTREMELY generous donation to the Schererville Police Department's K9 fund !! As a department, we are fortunate to have people/business's in town like Don and Absolute Construction that support us, and we definitely do not take that for granted. Thank You again for your donation, and as you can see by the smile on Hawk's face, it was GREATLY appreciated!!!

# News & Information

In the coming weeks, Schererville Police Department and St John Police Department will be conducting training exercises at Jak's Warehouse, 221 US 41. There will be a large police presence of both departments in that area in the morning and afternoon on various days. It is for training purposes only. Special thank you to Jak's Warehouse for providing their facility for our training.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Officer Jake Parker #176 on his retirement. Officer Parker has been a police officer with the Schererville Police Department for over 22 years. Officer Parker was sworn in as an officer in 2001 and has spent his entire career serving the Town of Schererville. Officer Parker was one of our K-9 handlers for many years and also worked with multiple local and national task forces.

We wish him a very happy retirement!



Officer Parker and K-9 Partner Bosco

**Schererville Police Department**  
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While monitoring comments on our FB page, we noticed some replies to comments that included a link to click on that offered our Schererville K9 hoodies for purchase for about \$53. This is not a website that we are using and is not supported by our PD. Do not purchase anything from these links. Our hoodies are not available for purchase online.

**Think before  
you tap the link**



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# Neighborhood Reports

- **Criminal Mischief** – 1/11/24 – Redar Park – Graffiti was reported near the bathrooms at Redar Park.
- **Ordinance Violation** – 1/11/24 – Plum Creek Dr - Report of garbage cans left out in front of the residence. A resident was notified of the ordinance violation and she informed the officer she would correct the problem.
- **Property Damage** – 1/11/24 – Oriole Dr - The complainant's mailbox was struck by a black SUV that fled the area. The incident was captured on video. Investigation ongoing.
- **Ordinance Violation** – 1/12/24 – Big Sand Dr - Report of a vehicle parked in the roadway after snowfall. The owner was contacted and the vehicle was moved.
- **Suspicious Incident** – 1/13/24 – Doral Dr - Report of a loud bang heard in the area. Officers checked the area but did not locate anything suspicious.
- **Suspicious Incident** – 1/14/24 – Hartley Dr – Complainant reported what sounded like someone running through backyards. Responding officer checked the area but did not locate anyone outside.

Schererville officers responded to numerous reports of disabled or stuck vehicles & crashes this weekend due to the weather. Please be aware of weather conditions, allow yourself more time to travel if you need to drive and proceed cautiously to avoid getting stuck or getting into an accident.

## PATROL NOTIFICATIONS

As a courtesy, officers will attempt to notify residents of issues such as an open garage door, open car doors, or other unusual observations they may see while on patrol. Something like a garage door left open overnight could be an invitation for criminal activity. We try to let you know of these observations so that you may better protect your home and reduce the occurrence of criminal activity.

Notifications were made in the following areas:

81<sup>st</sup> Ave ° Grand Ave ° Grand Haven Way ° H Parker Ct ° Willowbrook Dr ° Willow Ln ° Thiel Dr ° Cynthia Ct  
77<sup>th</sup> Ave ° Sandi Ln

For more information about our community policing programs, please call (219) 322-5000



# Arrests

Juana Caba Anay – 28  
Warrant

Dahlia M Ballard – 29  
Warrant

Keandrea M Robinson  
Possession of a Legend Drug  
Possession of Marijuana  
Possession of a Controlled Substance

Cesar Jose Duno Gil- 42  
Suspended Registration  
Operator Never Licensed

Jorge Antonio Gutierrez Munoz- 31  
Operator Never Licensed

Ernesto Gamino Martinez – 22  
Operator Never Licensed

Demarius Pope – 24  
Warrant

Alayah Favela – 25  
Driving While Suspended – Prior Conviction

Frank Futia JR – 49  
DWS – Prior  
Multiple Warrants

Deion D Holland – 22  
Possession of Marijuana

Selena M Puente – 22  
Possession of Marijuana

Terry Villareal – 52  
DWS – Prior

Billy Joe Delph – 64  
Possession of Cocaine  
Possession of Methamphetamine  
Possession of Paraphernalia  
DWS Prior  
Altered License Plate

Gregory Bellow – 63  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Possession of Marijuana  
Possession of Paraphernalia

Joan Bellow – 65  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Possession of Marijuana  
Possession of Paraphernalia

JeMarin Sing – 36  
Battery w/bodily injury

Kaylah Naomi Israel – 22  
Suspended Vehicle Registration

Richard Donnell Bailey – 42  
Possession of a Controlled Substance

Deshaune Thomas Buttler – 30  
Possession of a Controlled Substance

Antino D. Barnes Jr – 24  
DWS – Prior

Cameron M Bush – 25  
False Identity Statement  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Possession of Marijuana