



# Schererville Neighborhood Watch

January 2024 – 1/15 to 1/22



SCHERERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 219-322-5000

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## Safety Tips



### It's Icy Out There! Here Are Some Safe Travel Tips From Our Friends At INDOT

- **Knowledge:** Before leaving home, find out about the driving conditions. Safe drivers know the weather, and their limits. If the weather is bad remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow, or just don't go.
- **Clear:** Remove any snow on your vehicle's windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen.
- **Inspect:** Check your vehicle's tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts and hoses. A breakdown is bad on a good day and dangerous on a bad-weather day.
- **Time:** Leave plenty of time to reach your destination safely. It's not worth putting yourself and others in a dangerous situation just to be on time.
- **Kit:** Keep a basic winter survival kit in your vehicle, including a flashlight, batteries, blanket, snacks, water, gloves, boots, and a first-aid kit. Load your car with winter travel gear, including tire chains, ice scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, and road flares.

### Caution: Slippery When Wet!

When driving in winter weather, watch out! Mother Nature has some tricks up her sleeve in the winter. Here are some to be on the look out for:

- **First Snow or Ice:** Drivers often aren't prepared for winter driving and forget to take it slow. Remember to drive well below the posted speed limit and leave plenty of room between cars.
- **Black Ice:** Roads that seem dry may actually be slippery – and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas – all are hot spots for black ice. Remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- **Limited Visibility:** Stay attentive and reduce speed. Know what's going on around you.
- **Four-Wheel Drive:** On snow and ice, go slowly, no matter what type of vehicle you drive. Even if you have an SUV with four-wheel drive you may not be able to stop any faster, or maintain control any better, once you lose traction. Four-wheel drive may get you going faster, but it won't help you stop sooner.

### Staying Safe Around Snowplows

In the winter, INDOT snowplow drivers are out on the roads to keep them clear of snow and ice and keep you safe. Here's what you need to know about driving around snowplows:

- **Distance:** Give snowplows room to work. The plows are wide and can cross the centerline or shoulder. Don't tailgate and try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud.
- **Speed:** Snowplows travel below the posted speed limit. Be patient. Allow plenty of time to slow down. Remember, Ice and Snow, Take it Slow.
- **Vision:** A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.

# News & Information

Our training exercises with St. John PD will be continuing this week. There will be a large police presence at Jak's Warehouse during these exercises. Special thank you to Jak's Warehouse for providing their facility for our training.



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## News Release

1/15/2024

### NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

**Where:** Sunset Drive from Lakeview Drive to Schilling Drive  
**When:** Monday January 22, 2024-Friday February 23, 2024  
**Purpose:** Stormwater control project

Sunset Drive will be closed from Monday January 22, 2024 to Friday February 23, 2024 for a Stormwater control project. The roadway will be closed to thru traffic from Lakeview Drive to Schilling Drive. Local traffic into Schilling Subdivision will need to access the subdivision from the St John Road entrance to the subdivision.

Detour signage will be posted.

Please be advised that all work is weather dependent

All traffic is encouraged to plan ahead in using alternate roadways to avoid the work zone and closure areas whenever possible.

It's not uncommon for us to take reports in regards to scams and suspicious phone calls. There are many different ways scammers will try to get information or money from you. It's important to be cautious if you should receive a phone call or email asking for personal information or money. Government officials will not ask you to make payments using gift cards or bitcoin. Scammers will use many methods and those methods are always changing but here's what a couple of those might look like.

#### TECH SUPPORT SCAM

Scammers act as a technology support representative and offer to fix non-existent computer issues. The scammer gains remote access to a victim's computer or phone and their personal information.

##### What might this look like?

A pop-up or blue screen appears on your computer, phone, or iPad/tablet with a warning sign that a virus has infected your device. The message urges you to call a toll free number or click a link immediately to get technical help. You will get a response from someone who claims to be working for a brand-name tech company, such as Apple/Google/Microsoft. They will ask you to pay for tech support through gift cards or wire transfers.

#### GOVERNMENT IMPERSONATION SCAM

Scammers claim to be a government employee and threaten to arrest or prosecute victims unless they agree to provide funds or other payments.

##### What might this look like?

Scammer will call and identify themselves as a government agency, such as the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Treasury, Border Security, FBI, etc., and claim that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. They will also state that a U.S. Marshal will appear at your door within the next 24 hours. Scammer will then tell the victim to get gift cards from the store to provide them with payment and not to tell anybody about the call.

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# Neighborhood Reports

- **Suspicious Vehicle** – 1/18 – Harvest Dr. - Report of a suspicious vehicle parked near the bank. Officers responded and located the vehicle in question. Contact was made with the owner who advised the vehicle broke down and she was waiting for a tow.
- **Abandoned Vehicle** – 1/18 – Meadow Ln. – Report of an abandoned trailer parked on the street. A 72 hour notice was placed on the trailer and a citation for parking after 2” of snowfall was issued to the registered owner.
- **Animal Problem** – 1/18 – US HWY 30 – Complainant stated he noticed a kitten outside over the past several days and was finally able to get ahold of it. An officer responded and took possession of the kitten. The kitten was then turned over to Animal Control.
- **Suspicious Incident** – 1/19 – Britton Dr. – A neighbor noticed a suspicious vehicle and notified the complainant who was not home. Officers responded and determined the subjects in the vehicle were family members.
- **Parking Problem** – 1/19 – Holly Ln – Report of a vehicle parked on the street after snow fall. The owner was issued a written warning and he moved the vehicle out of the street.
- **Citizen Assist** – 1/20 – Woodview Dr – A resident was locked out of her home. Officers assisted the subject in getting back inside.
- **Suspicious Vehicle** – 1/21 – Brooke Ln – Report of a suspicious vehicle parked outside and playing loud music. Officers made contact with the occupants, one of whom lived in the area. They turned the music off and went inside.
- **Criminal Mischief** – 1/21 – Seville Ct – Report of a broken fence. Footprints were located leading back to the road. Reporting officer will be reviewing surveillance video. Investigation ongoing.
- **Criminal Mischief** – 1/21 – Deer Run Dr - Report of a broken fence. Footprints were located leading back to the road. Reporting officer will be reviewing surveillance video. Investigation ongoing.

Schererville officers responded to numerous reports of disabled or stuck vehicles & crashes this week 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:

Austin Ave ° Seberger Rd ° Pershing Rd ° Brooke Ln

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



# Arrests

Kiara Huckleby – 34  
DWS – Prior

Michelle Lyn Gott – 43  
Warrant

Harold D Blythe Jr. – 48  
Warrant

Maria G Mooy – 45  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

Evelin Guadalupe Escovedo - 23  
OWI  
OWI – Endangering a Person

Garbriel F Escalona-Vizmon – 22  
Organized Theft  
Theft over \$750  
Assisting a Criminal  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Theft

Jose E Rubio-Petrola – 20  
Organized Theft  
Theft over \$750  
Assisting a Criminal  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Theft  
Resisting Law Enforcement

Yorjeisis K Ollarve-Camacho – 19  
Organized Theft  
Theft over \$750  
Assisting a Criminal  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Theft

Jabril N Lyles – 19  
Dealing in Marijuana  
Possession of Marijuana

Daisha Devost – 31  
Public Intoxication  
Disorderly Conduct

Evelin Yusney Santiago Chinchilla – 33  
No License Ever Issued

Keshauna Cashmere Hill – 27  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Theft  
No License Ever Issued

Joana A Costa-Correa – 20  
Organized Theft  
Theft over \$750  
Assisting a Criminal  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Neglect of a Dependent  
Theft  
Resisting Law Enforcement

Williams J Centeno-Arcaya – 23  
Organized Theft  
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