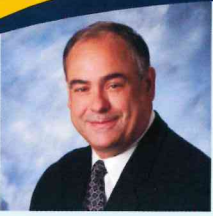
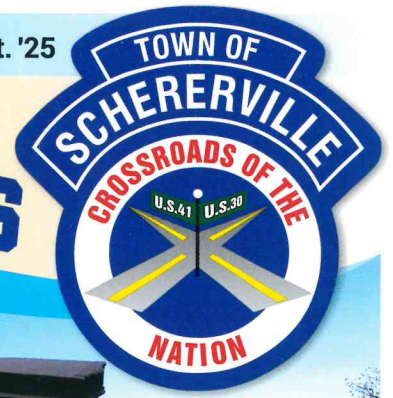


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'Never Forget'

On Thursday, September 11, Schererville's 9-11 Memorial service will remember and honor those who died, those who served and those who carry on 24 years after the tragedy that united our nation.

People of all ages are invited to gather from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the town's 9-11 Memorial, located at the corner of Junction Street and Joliet Street near the Schererville Police Department, to walk around the memorial and remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

"*Never Forget* serves as a way to remember and honor the lives lost on 9/11," said Schererville Police Chief Peter Sormaz. This year's memorial service will include members of the 9-11 Committee, Schererville police officers and Schererville firefighters.

"The Schererville 9-11 Memorial has continued to grow," Chief Sormaz said. "The beam, which is from the Twin Towers in New York City, was erected in 2013. It was donated to the Town of Schererville by the New York Port Authority in 2011."

The memorial's two representative Twin Towers were erected in 2017 with the help of numerous contributions, Chief Sormaz noted, adding, "Each light that shines from the towers' beams represent one of the 2,977 lives lost on that tragic day."

A concrete handicap-accessible sidewalk was constructed around the 9-11 Memorial in 2022 to allow visitors to view the memorial from all sides, he said.

In addition, the 9-11 Memorial's location at the corner of Junction Street and Joliet Street near the Pennsy Greenway Trailhead provides easy access for those who wish to visit the memorial.

Maintaining the 9-11 Memorial takes a community effort, Chief Sormaz said. Donations to the Schererville 9-11 Memorial help continue its mission of remembrance. Donations of cash or checks can be dropped off at the Schererville Police Department, 25 East Joliet Street.

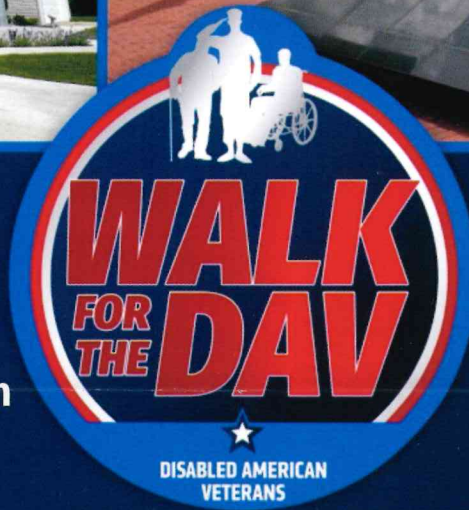
"Please include a notation that the funds are for the '9-11 Memorial'," Chief Sormaz said.

SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday,
August 23, 2025**

**Registration starts at 8:30 am
Walk starts at 10 am**



**Schererville
Police Department
25 East Joliet St.
Schererville, IN**

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Dedicated to a single purpose, empowering the USA Military Veterans to lead high quality lives with respect and dignity. And to help grow awareness of benefits available to veterans in the township.

All proceeds directly benefit local disabled veterans in St. John Township

Join the DAV Walk August 23



The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Walk steps off on Saturday, August 23 in Schererville to help raise funds to provide services for local military veterans.

Adults and children from throughout the area are invited to pre-register at dav17in.com. On the day of the walk, participants can register from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Schererville Police Department, 25 E. Joliet St., next to the Veterans Memorial. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Participants will receive a Walk T-Shirt, water and lunch from a local veteran-owned food truck.

The opening ceremony takes place at 10 a.m. at the St. John Township Memorial then moves to the nearby 9/11 Memorial. The DAV Walk begins following the opening ceremony.

This year's DAV Walk is co-hosted by Disabled American Veterans - Chapter # 17; the Town of Schererville and St. John Township Trustee Cathy J. Lareau.



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FULL BODY SCULPT PILATES – SEASON 1 **THURSDAYS, JULY 17-AUGUST 21 5-6 P.M.**

Strengthen, tone, and sculpt your entire body with this energizing Pilates-based workout! This class combines classic Pilates movements with low-impact strength training to target your core, glutes, legs and arms. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, you'll improve posture, flexibility, and muscle endurance – all while working up a satisfying sweat. Bring a mat, water, and get ready to feel the burn from head to toe! There is a minimum of 6 participants and a maximum of 15 participants. **The fee is \$75 for residents/\$90 for non-residents.** Register at www.schererville.org.

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.** **REDAR PARK, 217 GREGORY ST.**

Get ready for an action-packed day at Schererville's Touch-A-Truck event! This **FREE** family-friendly event is back and bigger than ever, giving kids (and kids at heart) the chance to get up close and personal with lots of incredible trucks and vehicles! From massive fire trucks to heavy-duty construction vehicles, there's something for everyone to explore.

PENNSY, PINTS & PERFORMERS **FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 4-11:30 P.M.** **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 2-11:30 P.M.**

JOLIET STREET, DOWNTOWN SCHERERVILLE
Get ready for Schererville's newest two-day town takeover – Pennsy, Pints & Performers! Hosted by Schererville Parks and the Town of Schererville, this event will bring Joliet Street alive with Food Trucks, Live Bands, Beer Gardens by Schererville Lounge & Greg's Place as well as Schererville Chamber of Commerce's Famous Corn Roast. There's also a family-friendly Bike Ride at 1 p.m. on Saturday! **Admission is FREE!**

PENNSY, PINTS & PERFORMERS BIKE RIDE **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 1 P.M.**

Join us for a fun and relaxing community ride as we cruise the Pennsy Trail. The ride kicks off at Redar Park, 217 Gregory St., at 1 p.m., then heads to Plum Creek, and finishes in downtown Schererville – just in time to enjoy local pints and live performances. The cost is \$15 for residents and non-residents. Each purchase includes one event T-shirt, one Beer Ticket (for those 21 years and older) OR one Drink Ticket (for those 20 years and younger). Register at www.schererville.org.

FIESTA IN THE PARK **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 5 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M.** **REDAR PARK, 217 GREGORY ST.**

Join us for a vibrant and joyous celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month – a few weeks early! This Fiesta in the Park is packed with fun, culture, and

entertainment for the whole family. **Admission is FREE!**

FESTIVAL OF THE VINE TRIP **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

Taste the autumn bounty in downtown Geneva, Illinois while enjoying the flower market, arts & crafts show and live musical entertainment. Sip wines from around the world and sample mouth-watering international specialties prepared by Geneva restaurateurs. **This trip is for those ages 21 and older.**

We will depart from Redar Park, 217 Gregory St., about 8:30 a.m. and return to Redar Park about 5 p.m. Please park in the lot on Park Street. **PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART TO CHECK IN AND ENSURE WE LEAVE ON TIME!**

Round-trip bus transportation is included in the fee of \$49 for residents/\$58.80 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

MONDAY YOGA – SESSION #4 **MONDAYS, SEPT. 15 - OCTOBER 20 6-7 P.M.** **SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

This class with instructor Lynn Bluethmann is suitable for both beginners and those with some experience. It will include basic breathing exercises, foundational poses, and sun salutations. Each class will end with a quiet relaxation. Please bring a mat. The class will be held in the Cardio Room at the Schererville Community Center.

There is a minimum of 6 participants and a maximum of 20 participants. **The fee is \$43 for residents/\$51.60 for non-residents.** Register at www.schererville.org.

TUESDAY YOGA – SESSION #4 **TUESDAYS, SEPT. 16 - OCTOBER 23 6-7 P.M.** **SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Beginners and those with some experience in yoga will enjoy this class with Lynn Bluethmann that will be held in the Cardio Room at the Schererville Community Center. You'll learn basic breathing exercises, foundational poses, and sun salutations. Each class ends with a quite relaxation. This is your chance to discover the transformative power of yoga: vitality, balance, peace, and a sense of well being! Please bring a mat.

There is a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25 participants. **The fee is \$43 for residents/\$51.60 for non-residents.** Register at www.schererville.org.

"NEW" CHAIR YOGA **WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 22 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.** **SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Join us for Chair Yoga! Suitable for anyone looking for a gentler practice or anyone with mobility challenges. We will be using a chair as a

prop for our yoga poses to increase strength, flexibility, and balance. Our emphasis will be on breath and movement, mindfulness and meditation, and stress reduction.

There is a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20 participants. **The fee is \$58 for residents/\$69.90 for non-residents. This is a six-week session.** Register at www.schererville.org.

TRIP TO SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 8 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.**

Join the Schererville Parks on a trip to beautiful Saugatuck, Michigan. Enjoy shopping, art galleries, and antiques. Walk along the shore of Lake Michigan and take in the scenic beauty!

We will depart from Redar Park, 217 Gregory St., about 8 a.m. and return to Redar Park about 5:30 p.m. Please park in the lot on Park Street. **PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART TO CHECK IN AND ENSURE WE LEAVE ON TIME!**

Round-trip bus transportation is included in the fee of \$49 for residents/\$58.80 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

KIDS NIGHT OUT – SCHOOL OF ROCK **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 5:30 - 10 P.M.** **(FOR AGES 4-12)**

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Kids ages 4 through 12 are invited to join Schererville Parks for a fun-filled night of laughter, adventures, games, and excitement while they leave their parents at home! Each Kids Night Out is themed for an experience as youngsters dive into interactive activities, creative crafts, thrilling games and, of course, delicious pizza! And there's also a movie!

Parents do not stay. Please have your children bring a pillow and blanket. **The fee is \$30 for residents/\$36 for non-residents.** Register at www.schererville.org.

YOUNG REMBRANDTS **MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 3 (NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 27)** **5:30 - 6:30 P.M.** **(FOR AGES 6-12)**

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Our elementary-age curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques, and vocabulary. We believe that drawing is the bedrock skill required for future artistic success. We give students the skills to express their creativity and believe that all children can and should learn to draw.

The fee is \$60 for residents/\$72 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ **TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 28 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.** **(FOR AGES 6-12)**

Get Back to School Ready!

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our one-hour Bricks 4 Kidz classes explore architecture, engineering, and technology concepts using LEGO Bricks. Students work hands-on to design and build machines, buildings and other construction. While exploring new concepts, students develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. Fun while learning! We learn, we build, we play with LEGO Bricks.

The fee is \$65 for residents/\$78 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL TRIP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

Enjoy all of the fall colors, crafts, antiques, flea markets, food and more as you spend the day at the Covered Bridge Festival in Rockville and Bridgeton, Indiana. **Please note that this trip requires lots of walking.**

We will depart from Redar Park, 217 Gregory St., about 7 a.m. and return to Redar Park about 7 p.m. Please park in the lot on Park Street. **PLEASE ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART TO CHECK IN AND ENSURE WE LEAVE ON TIME!**

Round-trip bus transportation is included in the fee of \$55 for residents/\$66 for non-residents. Register at www.schererville.org.

CSRI PAINTING SERIES BRUSHES & BITES – SESSION #6

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 4:30-5:30 P.M.

(FOR ALL AGES)

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

We invite participants of the Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative to decorate cookies or create watercolor paintings with Schererville Parks and Recreation! These classes are for participants with special needs. There is a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 participants. **The fee is \$10.** Register at www.schererville.org.

KIDS NIGHT OUT – GHOSTBUSTERS TRAINING CAMP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 5:30-10 P.M.

(FOR AGES 4-12)

SCHERERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

TGIKNO – THANK GOODNESS IT'S KIDS NIGHT OUT! Join Schererville Parks for a fun-filled night of laughter, adventures, games and excitement while you leave your parents at home!! Each Kids Night Out is themed for an experience as youngsters dive into interactive activities, creative crafts, thrilling games and, of course, delicious pizza! And there's also a movie! **Parents do not stay.** Please have your children bring a pillow and blanket. **The fee is \$30 for residents/\$36 for non-residents.** Register at www.schererville.org.



In September the Lake County Public Library locations will be celebrating National Library Card Sign Up Month and promoting literacy, learning and research.

"There is something to learn at every age!" said Beth Alyea, Branch Manager of the Dyer-Schererville Public Library Branch, located at 1001 W. Lincoln Hwy in Schererville. "Keep those lifelong learning skills going."

As part of the National Library Card Sign Up Month activities, children who sign up for a new library card or show their current card will receive a small prize and be entered in a raffle, Alyea noted, adding, "Watch for a new LCPL library card design in September, too."

A variety of activities are planned at the library for all ages.

- On Monday, September 15, the Teen Research School is back in session beginning at 5:30 p.m. "Come to this information session to learn some tips about finding valid resources and see what the library has to offer," Alyea said. "This program is for both middle and high school students. We will discuss choosing research topics, finding resources from both books and journals, and using Lake County Public Library's catalog and online resources effectively."
- On Tuesday, September 16 the "Cutting the Cord" session begins at 6 p.m. Alyea said, "During this session you will get some of the basics on what to expect when 'cutting the cord' to cable. What are the pros and cons? What are some costs to expect?" Please register at www.lcpln.org/events or call (219) 322-4731.
- Celebrate National Library Card Sign Up Month and play Dogman bingo at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 25 for a chance to win a free book!
- Saturday, September 27 is National Betta Fish Day and in honor of this special day, the library will be giving away 1.5 gallon fish tanks and some starter supplies from 1 to 4 p.m. The starter supplies will be given away with proof of Betta Fish purchase in the form of a receipt from a recent purchase. One fish tank and starter supplies per household will be given away while supplies last.
- On Monday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. it's Teen Advisory Board and Game Night at the Dyer-Schererville Public Library. "You can help your local library create programs and initiatives that help and interest you, all while earning volunteer hours!," Alyea said. Teens who have already completed the Lake County Public Library's volunteer application can attend this and upcoming Teen Advisory Board meetings to earn volunteer hours. Teens interested in volunteering can participate in the discussion and find out more about volunteering at the library. For more information, contact Justina at (219) 322-4731 ext. 505.

For more information or to register for programs, visit: www.lcpln.org/events or call (219) 322-4731.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY – FALL 2025

JOIN TODAY!



Schererville Police Department Citizens Police Academy seeks participants! Fall Session 2025

The Schererville Police Department Citizens Academy provides an opportunity for community members to experience what it is like to be a Schererville Police Officer and is returning in 2025. The academy is designed for attendees to meet police officers and learn about their assignments, specialties, and daily operations. It provides the opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be a police officer.

The academy will meet on Mondays beginning September 15, 2025, for 6 weeks concluding with a graduation ceremony October 20, 2025. Classes will begin each Monday night at 6 pm to 9 pm. All classes will take place at the Schererville Police Department in the Town Court Room.

All classes are FREE/COMPLIMENTARY and include all class materials, T-shirts and refreshments. Opportunities may arise for BONUS days such as simulators and off-site facilities.

There are several topics featured throughout the program including presentations on all agency divisions, training, public information, drone team, crash investigation, evidence collection, K9 unit, traffic enforcement and many more.

Our academy is a "hands on" interactive approach in which each student gets to participate in activities that prove to both educational and WE HAVE FUN!

There will also be an opportunity to tour the police facility, to ride along with a patrol officer, and discuss current issues such as use of force, pursuit policies and evidence collection.

The academy will offer citizens an opportunity to see how their police department works and what new technologies it has to offer. This is our way of reaching out to the community and helping build lasting relationships that will benefit everyone involved.

Class size is limited to 20 students. Applications can be picked up in our records division from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. The deadline is Monday, September 8, 2025. Once the students of the academy graduate, they become eligible to apply for our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program.

How to join the Schererville Citizen's Police Academy?
Please submit your interest to Schererville Police Department, 25 E. Joliet Street, Schererville, IN. Application and driver's license are required. To be considered for this year's class must be at least 18 years of age, and have your interest submitted no later than September 8, 2025.

For further information contact Corporal Ryan Staley at the Schererville Police Department at 219-322-5000 ext. 2324. The next police academy will be in 2026.



What's Happening in Town



AUGUST

- 7 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.; Fire Department Merit Board, 6 p.m.
- 13 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 25 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day – Town Hall closed
- 3 Park Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.; Fire Department Merit Board, 6 p.m.
- 8 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 10 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 22 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 2 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.; Fire Department Merit Board, 6 p.m.
- 6 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 8 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.

- 27 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Trick or Treat 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 5 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 6 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.; Fire Department Merit Board, 6 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day – Town Hall closed
- 12 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 24 Board of Zoning Appeals 6 p.m.
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday – Town Hall closed

DECEMBER

- 1 Plan Commission/Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 3 Park Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 4 Board of Safety Study Session, 5 p.m.; Board of Safety, 5:30 p.m.; Fire Department Merit Board, 6 p.m.
- 10 Waterworks Board, Stormwater Board, Redevelopment Commission, Utility Board, Town Council 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Plan Commission Study Session 6 p.m.
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday – Town Hall closed
- 31 New Year's Eve – Town Hall closed

Schererville Animal Shelter

548 Kaeser Blvd., Schererville

We are in need of:

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

