



# TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR JULY 2015

12:00 pm

7:00 pm

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7:30 pm

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Park Board Meeting Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com Board of Zoning Appeals Plan Commission Board of Safety Park Board Meeting Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.

Tues. July 7 Mon. July 13 Tues. July 14 Tues. July 14 Thurs. July 16 Tues. July 21 Mon. July 27

Centennial Park Main Meeting Room Main Meeting Room Main Meeting Room Conference Room "C" Conference Room "A Main Meeting Room

Notes: The above schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Town Hall at 836-6900 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and others is maintained on the Community Calendar at the Town of Munster website: http://www.munster.org.

Tune into WJOB 1230 AM Radio and listen to "Community Programming Initiative" which members of the Munster Town Council discuss issues in town, the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.

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#### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT CENTENNIAL PARK** Friday, July 3 **Concessions & Beer Garden & Fireworks** \$5 Cover for Beer Garden Live Music Featuring: Nicole Jamrose

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MUNSTER.ORG

# 4th OF JULY PARADE Friday, July 4th at 2 pm Calumet Ave. & Ridge Rd. Sponsored by the Munster Lions Club

HOLIDAY GARBAGE/RECYCLING PICK UP SCHEDULE Due to the Holiday falling on Saturday, Garbage/Recycling pick up will be normal the week before and after the holiday.

> Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 6th in observance of Independence Day

# **INTRODUCING THE MOBILE APP "MY MUNSTER" COMING IN AUGUST**

Our 21st century world never stops. We are in a constant state of updates and downloads. As we continue to move toward a new-and -improved world filled with technology and online competency, apps have taken over and the Town of Munster will not fall behind. In early June, the Town began internally using a mobile app, called "My Munster."

The Town hired PublicStuff to develop the app. PublicStuff is a company specializing in both service requests and mobile apps for municipalities. PublicStuff has developed mobile apps for many cities, including Philadelphia and New York City.

This is a way to literally put Munster's Town government in the hands of its residents to help solve problems and issues.

By using the My Munster app, residents will be able to:

- A. Submit service requests on-line and via "My Munster" app
- Get access to Town information more quickly Β. Navigate in a more transparent environment: C
  - Receive acknowledgement emails
  - II. Provide descriptions of work to be performed
  - III. Receive follow-up emails at work completion

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- By using the PublicStuff platform, the Town will be able to:
- A. Capture work load measures and manage service requests
- B. Allow managers to be automatically notified when tasks are overdue
- C Utilize data to manage proactively based on reliable performance data
- D. Track requests based on location, type, address, etc.

My Munster is PublicStuff's first municipal project in Indiana. The instantaneous nature of mobile apps is a great benefit for residents and the Town. This type of medium will allow the Town to keep content fresh and to provide periodic updates. My Munster will be a source for quick information for residents - through the app, residents will be able to read recent news, connect with Town staff and elected officials, and even make service requests.

My Munster will be available for free in both the *iTunes App Store* and the Android Google Play store. Watch your August water bill for download details!

In accordance with the Utility Billing Policies, Rules & Regulations section 7.2, the July bill marks the first month of the sprinkler season and minimum billing goes into effect. It is also the beginning of the Hammond Sanitary District residential summer flow charge break, per Section 2.4.2. Please refer to the Town of Munster Water Department Utility Billing Policies, Rules & Regulations on the Town website or in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

# **MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION** 836-PARK (7275)



Too hot? Need a cool break? Come to Munster Community Pool for a swim.

Did you know you could give your child a special birthday party at the pool? The Birthday Parties include shelter rental, admission and a meal. The pool is also available for

groups and/or private rentals for your reunion, sports teams and leagues, and corporate events. Swim and Diving lessons as well as Water Aerobics and Private Lessons run through August 6; registrations are ongoing. Please call (219) 836-7275 for details.

#### Please join us for these July special events at the pool:

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Karaoke Night	
CSRI Pool Party	

Saturday, July 11 3-6 pm Friday, July 24 5-9 pm Monday, July 27 7-9 pm

# Special FREE Events in our Parks!

- Heritage Park Concert (FREE) Original Hazzard County Band 7/5
- 7/17 Music in the Park Concert (FREE)
- High Noon with special guests the Jimmy Sarr Band
- Heritage Park Concert (FREE) Classical Blast 7/19
- 7/27 Movies in the Park (FREE) "Big Hero 6"

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### Youth:

7/6-8/5	Little Hoops 🔬 📥
7/6-8/5	Tot Athletics
7/6-8/6	Youth Tennis for all Ages
7/7-8/6	Girls' Volleyball League
7/7-8/6	Soccer Basics
7/7-8/6	T-Ball 101 🛛 💆 🧧 🌌 🕹
7/11-8/15	Coding: Game Design
7/11-8/15	Robotics for Kids
7/13	Trail of Tales – "Oh, the Places You'll Go"
7/13-8/17	Cheerleading
7/14-8/18	Tumblebear for Parent-n-Tot and/or Preschool Gymnastics
7/16-8/13	Mommy & Me Art
7/20	Trail of Tales – "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"
7/27	Trail of Tales – "Go Dog Go"
7/27-31	Basketball 101
7/27	Volleyball Skills & Drills

Ad	ult:

7/7-8/4	Adult Beginner Tennis	
7/6-8/5	Adult Drill & Play	
7/6-8/13	M/W or T/TH Yoga & Breathing	
7/8-7/29	Mindfulness, Meditation and Stress Relief	
	through Self-Hypnosis	-
7/9	IPAD Intermediate	



Enjoy the summer with your family and/or co-workers at one of our Park Shelters, the Social Center or Heritage Park Gazebo. Rentals are available during the week and on weekends.



It's not too late, several camps are available in July.

**Kids Camp Original** All About Sports Camp Counselors in Training 2-hr. Tennis Camp All Around Skills & All-Star Shooting Camp

Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp Challenger British Soccer Camp Chicago White Sox Camp Smash and Splash Tennis Camp

The Grape Escape

Saturday, July 18, 1 - 8 pm join us for The Grape Escape (wine, art & music festival). Sample selections of wines. enjoy food from around the region, listen to the sounds of live music, browse the arts and crafts fair, as well as, our ethnic market featuring home-made goods. \$7 Entry Fee to tasting/

stage area, includes tastings (must be 21 to enter). \$10 Entry/ with commemorative glass. Featuring Musical Performances by Fortunate Sons (CCR Tribute) with special guests Taylor & Aaron and the Nomad Planets.

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Non-Keen-	Agers are also invited
7/15	Pinochle Ice Cream Party
7/16	Memory Loss or Normal Aging
7/16 7/16 7/22	Ice Cream B-I-N-G-O
7/22	"All Shook Up" Lunch & Show - Based on
	Shakespeare's Twelfth Night and inspired by he
	movies and songs of Elvis Presley. Lunch catered

by Dickey's.

### **Trips and Travel:**

FREE Travel Show, July 27th, 1 pm Munster Town Hall

#### Day Trips

Gardens of the Rock River Valley
Four Winds Casino
Chicago Cubs Baseball
Paris on the Prairie
Sanfillipo Mansion
"A Few Kicks on Rt. 66"
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0/30-10/2	Door County Autumn Foliage
0/2-14	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
0/6-11	Arkansas Autumn Foliage
0/23-27	West Virginia Autumn Foliage
1/6-14	Cruising the Beautiful Bahamas
2/2-9	Christmas in St. Augustine
2/13-18	South Charm Holiday (South Carolina & Georgia)



## **MUNSTER'S 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL** NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATION

The Munster Police Department and Choice Community Council invite and encourage Munster

residents of all ages to participate in Munster's 20th Annual National Night Out Against Crime Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Munster Community Pool (8837 Calumet Avenue).

This event, which is held to encourage police and community partnerships through a variety of both fun and educational events, will include free swimming for Munster residents (with state or school ID), door prizes, kids games and bouncers, a magic show, helicopter landing, child identification cards, K-9 demonstrations, giveaways from local businesses and community organizations, police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, free photo booth, a fatal vision simulation track, free glow necklaces for kids (at dusk), safety exhibits, and more. In addition, to celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year milestone we will also have a fireworks show starting at 8:45 pm.

Parking will be available at the Munster Community Pool, the south lot of Munster High School, and along a portion of Lions Club Drive. Residents are also encouraged to turn on their porch lights that evening in support of the event.

In addition, the American Red Cross will be holding the Indiana Fallen Officers Memorial Blood Drive that evening on-site. Walk-ups are welcome, however, residents can pre-register their blood donation time by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering the sponsor code "MCPOOL." Please help us to reach our goal for blood donations that evening.

Monetary donations are also still being accepted as this event is funded solely through donations from local residents, businesses and community organizations. If you would like to provide a donation, please make checks payable to the Town of Munster (memo: NNO) and mail them to the Munster Police Department, c/o Officer James Ghrist, 1001 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. For more information about this event, please contact Officer Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. We hope to see you there!

# **MUNSTER CRIME WATCH MEETING**



The Munster Police Department will be holding their next quarterly Munster Crime Watch meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Munster Town Hall, located at 1005 Ridge Road. This

meeting will include information about recent crime proper height so as not to interfere with pedestrian activity in Munster to include statistics and maps, along with a chance or vehicular traffic. There are numerous trees that for residents to ask questions or raise concerns during or after the are growing into the streets hitting vehicles. The meeting to police officials. The meeting will also include an important Public Works Department will be cutting back these trees in the presentation from a representative of the Indiana Attorney General's spring so that these trees do not damage the vehicles. The tree limbs Office who will provide valuable information to residents in regards to hanging into the street will be cut back to the curb line. identity theft, scams, and other related topics. Crime prevention There are alleys in town that are overgrown with bushes and trees. materials and brochures will be available, and a \$25 Target gift card The town trucks and garbage trucks are not able to get down these will be awarded as a door prize at the conclusion of the meeting. For alleys without damage to the vehicles. The Public Works Department more information, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 will be cutting back the alleys in the fall and spring. These alleys will or jghrist@munster.org. be cut back so the overgrowth will not hit vehicles.



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/30-10/2	Door County Autumn Foliage	

#### HOW TO DISPOSE OF .....

- **Computers and Electronics** The Munster Public Works Department has a recycling shed for electronics at the Public Works Garage, 508 Fisher Street, in the recycling area to the right of their driveway. The shed is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no attendant on sight to help unload the computers and electronics.
- Latex Paint latex paint can be put into your regular garbage IF IT IS COMPLETELY DRY. You will need to take the top off and put either kitty litter or sand into the paint and let it sit out for a couple of days to dry up. Once it is dried out, you can place it in the garbage. If it is not dry, once the hopper compresses on the garbage truck, you will have paint down your street. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS COMPLETELY DRY.
- You can also take latex paint for recycling to the City of Hobart Yard, 340 S. Shelby Street, Hobart. Drop off days will be Monday - Friday 7 am to 2:45 pm, Saturdays 8 am to 11:45 am. No oil based paint will be accepted. Any questions please call Hobart City Yard at 219-942-6121.
- **Oil Based Paint and Solvents** you will need to take these items to a household hazardous waste pick up. Munster's Household Hazardous Waste pick up will be Saturday, September 19th, 9 am to 2 pm at the Public Works Garage, 508 Fisher Street.
- Carpet Waste Management will pick up carpet that is cut into • 5 foot lengths, rolled and bound. It can be bound with electrical tape or string and put out on your normal pick up day. If the carpet is not bound, it will not be picked up.
- Large Items (Sofas, Household Furniture, Carpeting, Bicycles, Mattresses, Etc.) - Waste Management will pick up ONE large item a week with your normal garbage, you do not need to call in for the pick up.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971 or Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.

#### TREE TRIMMING OF PARKWAY **TREES - CUTTING BACK TREES AND BUSHES IN ALLEYS**

According to Munster Code, it is the responsibility of the property owner to keep trees trimmed to a



If you do not want your trees or bushes cut back by the town, please keep your trees and bushes maintained far enough back so that they are not growing into the street or alley. If you have any questions, you can contact the Public Works Department at 836-6971.