



1005 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

NEWS YOU CAN USE

DECEMBER 2015

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Please read and remember the Town of Munster's ordinance in regards to removing vehicles from the streets for purposes of snow removal. Please report possible violations to the Munster Police Department by calling 911 so that an officer can respond for proper follow-up.

Ordinance:

It is hereby declared and proclaimed that it is necessary to the public health and safety that the streets of the town be cleared of snow, and if the clearing of snow is impeded and delayed by vehicles parked on the streets, such impediment and delay is detrimental to the public health and safety.

Whenever there has been snow of two inches or more, in order not to delay the clearing of such streets, all vehicles parked on all streets of the town, except streets in the area bounded by, but not including, Manor, Hohman, Ridge Road, and the northern town limits, shall be removed by the owner. These are the one-way streets between Manor and Ridge Road in the northwest section of town.

If such vehicles are not removed from the streets after two inches of snowfall occurs, and after ticketing, it shall be the duty of the police department of the town to forthwith employ some reputable person to remove such vehicles from the streets.

THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

REMOVING SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

With the increased number of students who will be walking to school this winter due to the new walk zones, it is especially important for residents to remember the Town of Munster's ordinance in regards to removing snow and ice from sidewalks. If you leave snow along your sidewalks it could prevent students and other pedestrians from being able to get through and could lead to them having to walk in the street. For everyone's safety, please follow this ordinance:

The owner and/or occupant of any dwelling, building or subdivided lot or property shall keep the sidewalks in front thereof clean at all times of the year. Within 24 hours after any fall of snow or formation of ice, such snow or ice shall be removed from the sidewalks.

HOLIDAY PICK UP INFORMATION

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2015
&
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2016

Refuse & Recycling will be picked up 1 day later after the holiday

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, push or deposit in any manner snow, slush or ice onto any street or sidewalk in such a manner as to impede the safe progress and movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Persons who violate this subsection are responsible for the costs incurred by the town to remove the impediment to safe progress and movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

If you believe that a residence or business is not following this ordinance please contact either the Munster Police Department by calling 911 or you can report the matter to Community Service Officer Russell Shelton at 219-836-6659 for follow-up. If the situation is an extreme safety concern, always call 911.

Fall Leaf pick-up will end on Friday, December 4, 2015. The Public Works Department must now prepare for snow and ice removal.

Please do not put leaves in your garbage can or in bags, Waste Management will not pick them up. Rake your leaves to the curb for Munster's Fall Leaf Collection



THANK YOU TO OUR CRIME WATCH CAPTAINS AND PARTICIPANTS

The Munster Police Department would like to thank the over 100 Munster residents who currently serve our community as Neighborhood Crime Watch Captains, and to the over 100 Munster businesses and religious organizations that participate in our Munster Business Crime Watch Program. In addition, thousands of residents currently participate in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program through local Crime Watch groups or by receiving weekly information from the police department, reporting suspicious activity, and attending our quarterly Crime Watch Meetings at the Munster Town Hall. Your dedication helps to keep your neighborhoods safe and it is very much appreciated by your neighbors and the police department. For more information about participating in our Crime Watch Programs, please contact Officer James Ghrist at 219-836-6639 or jghrist@munster.org. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7pm at the Munster Town Hall.

Christmas trees will be picked up by the Public Works Department on your regularly scheduled pick up day, for 3 weeks after New Years, starting January 4, 2016 and ending January 22, 2016, **weather permitting**. Please make sure all decorations are off the tree.



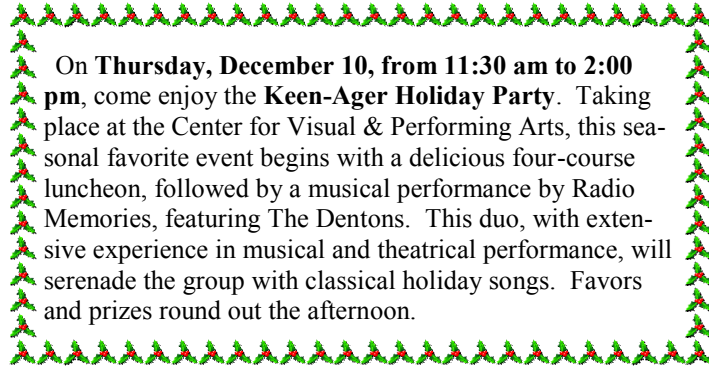
MUNSTER PARKS AND RECREATION 836-PARK (7275)

Come celebrate the season with Munster Parks and Recreation!



Ready to do some serious shopping? Our **29th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair** is the place to be! With over 130 vendors of homemade arts and crafts, the halls are full of gifts for everyone on your list. Items include art, jewelry, wreaths, ornaments, dog treats, candles, body products, woodworked items, table linens, florals, live plants, chocolate, toffee, baked goods and lots more. Come join us at **Munster High School, on Saturday and Sunday,**

December 5 & 6, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Concessions are available for purchase. **FREE** parking and admission.



On **Thursday, December 10, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm,** come enjoy the **Keen-Ager Holiday Party.** Taking place at the Center for Visual & Performing Arts, this seasonal favorite event begins with a delicious four-course luncheon, followed by a musical performance by Radio Memories, featuring The Dentons. This duo, with extensive experience in musical and theatrical performance, will serenade the group with classical holiday songs. Favors and prizes round out the afternoon.

Treat your kids and/or grandkids or both to **Rock along with Santa!** Enjoy a candy cane hunt, followed by a meal from Meatheads and a holiday-themed craft. Santa will lead us in songs with his guitar and read "'Twas the Night before Christmas".



You also can take silly photos in our photo booth. Everyone will get a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Bring your camera to capture all the fun! The fun takes place on **Thursday, December 10, at The View Restaurant, Centennial Park, from 5:30-7:30 pm.**



Need unique gift ideas? The best gifts are experiences and Munster Parks and Recreation has plenty to offer: a family pool pass, dog park pass, golf membership, Keen-Ager membership or a gift certificate for a trip, course, or Keen-Ager activity! Golden Opportunity Coupon Books are also available.

Trips & Travel

1/26	Four Winds Casino
3/9	"Bye Bye Birdie" (Lunch and Theater at Drury Lane)
3/28-4/6	Discover Scotland
5/1-7	Spotlight on Paris
5/15-20	Arizona's Historic Trains
6/13-20	Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & Wine Country
7/12-17	The Great Train Race
7/17-21	Spotlight on San Francisco
8/4-11	Pacific Northwest by Rail
8/6-12	New York's Haunted History Trail
8/20-27	Northern National Parks
8/21-29	Great Volcanoes of America's West
9/16-26	Hawaii by Land & Sea

Youth Education

12/9	Engineering for Kids
12/12	Engineering for Kids
1/12-2/16	Gymnastics (Parent & Tot)
1/12-2/16	Preschool Gymnastics
12/2	Robotics for Kids
12/5	Robotics for Kids

Add to your resume, change your career or simply learn something new by taking one of our **Continuing Education** courses in 2016. Call (219) 836-6923 for more details on: Clinical Medical Assistant Program, Pharmacy Tech, Dialysis Tech, EKG Certification or Phlebotomy Tech. New classes begin in March!

Active Adult

12/2	Excel-in-a-Day
12/5	Spiritual Growth, Development & Training Workshop

There is still time for area businesses to take advantage of advertising in the 2016 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide that is mailed to every home and business in Munster, as well as placed in area libraries, the Social Center and financial institutions. Please call Donna at (219) 836-6920 for details. The **2016 Winter/Spring Recreation Guide** will be in the mail the end of December full of new programs, activities, trips and fun for the whole family.

The Munster Parks and Recreation staff wishes you a Happy Holiday season and the best in 2016!

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2016 PET LICENSE

Please fill in the following form and return it with a **copy** of your pet's current **CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION & RABIES TAG NUMBER** and \$10.00 payable to the **Town of Munster**, 1005 Ridge Road. We will return your pet tag and certificate by mail.

Owner Last Name _____ Owner First Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Pet's Name _____ Age _____ Sex Male " Female " Neutered/Spayed Yes " No "

Color _____ Dog o Cat o Breed _____ Clinic _____

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Rabies Tag # & Exp. Date: _____

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WINTER STORM FACTS

Keep ahead of the storm by listening to NOAA weather radio, commercial radio, and television for the latest winter storm watches, warnings, and advisories.

What To Listen For...

Winter Storm Watch:

Severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, are possible within the next day or two. Prepare NOW!

Winter Storm Warning:

Severe winter conditions have begun or are about to begin in your area. Stay indoors!

Blizzard Warning:

Snow and strong winds will combine to produce a blinding snow (near zero visibility), deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill. Seek refuge immediately!

Winter Weather Advisory:

Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If caution is exercised, these situations should not become life-threatening. The greatest hazard is often to motorists.

**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAYS
Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2015
and
Thursday, December 31, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016**

SMOKE AND CO DETECTORS

Don't take a chance, if your smoke detector or CO detector go off, call 9-1-1 and have your home checked out by the Munster Fire Department to make sure everything is safe and there are no problems.

Also make sure to change the batteries in your smoke detector and CO detector yearly. The batteries usually last about 1 year and usually the smoke detector provides an audible indication (a chirping sound) when the batteries become weak.

TOWN COUNCIL, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2015

Board of Zoning Appeals	Tues. December 8	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Plan Commission	Tues. December 8	7:30 pm	Main Meeting Room
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com	Mon. December 14	7:00 pm	Main Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	Tues. December 15	7:00 pm	Conference Room "A"
Board of Safety	Thurs. December 17	7:30 am	Conference Room "C"
Town Council Mtg/Redevelopment Com.	Mon. December 28	7:00 pm	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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